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especially if we're not in session, is that somebody will be appointed, and they usually begin work...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That's the case...those are constitutional appointments and/or agency appointments directed by statute, I think, though. The constitution has a confirmation process, but those are for the...aren't they the basic...I'm trying to think of the agency, what we call the code agency.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Code agency heads? Well then, I didn't understand what your suggestion was. So what you're suggesting is that we're going to require confirmation by the Legislature. And is that by the legislative body as a whole then?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And we're going to require that before this person can do his or her job?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes, because we're not starting up...see, the central unit wouldn't be operational for probably two years here in terms of actually putting in.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If we're...if the confirmation process that you're envisioning says that we cannot confirm until next year, isn't that basically telling the federal...and you're saying this person can do no work, isn't that basically telling the federal government that we're delaying this for a one-year period?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: No, I don't believe so. I think the...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, how is anything going to get done?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The...well, the commitment is to establish the mechanisms for doing this. What we're talking about is who's actually going to run and operate this system. We're hiring, in effect, a manager.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But we can't hire anybody until we meet again next year.