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Senator Stuhr, the house is under call. Members are present. Senator Kiel requested a roll call vote. Senator Wehrbein requested that in reverse order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal 1427.)

CLERK: Mr. President, I need to verify vote. (Vote read.)  
18 ayes, 21 nays.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. I raise the call. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Beutler. Senator, AM3060. (Legislative Journal page 1287.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the Legislature, this is an amendment that I think keeps straight the functions of government among the various departments. The bill, this particular bill, which is an economic development bill, is to operate out of the Department of Agriculture. And what this amendment would do would be simply have it operate out of the Department of Economic Development. I did appreciate the further phrasing that Senator Wehrbein had put into the bill indicating that there would be some communication with the Department of Economic Development, but my feeling is basically this, why do we have a Department of Economic Development? We have a Department of Economic Development to handle economic development. And the reason that we try to put economic development all in one department is to develop a body of expertise in that department to have people working together and in a close relationship so that they...so that the right hand knows what the left hand is doing. These economic development programs often are overlapping in terms of their legal content, and so there may be grants from various programs that would overlap, quite possible. For that reason it's important, I think, that it all be dealt with in one department. So, for a variety of reasons, it seems to me that it should be there. And it's always possible and it's always the desire of a particular