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other things, probably it'd be better if they were an attorney. Probably more the activity that they do now has to do more with legal things than it does with even engineering. But as long as you had someone there that was...that was expertise in that field would be what we felt would be adequate.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Kremer. The thing that also concerns me is that, you know, it does, at the present time does, you know, dictate that the director needs to be an engineer. I also think there possibly could be a cost savings, you know, if it didn't have to be an engineer to that position. But if one of the other ones would have to be an engineer or have an engineer's license, that would be an additional cost on the other individual. So I'm undecided on this. I realistically feel that there needs to be an engineer in there and, Senator Kremer, there will be an engineer in the leadership role in the department even if the director is not an engineer. Correct?

SENATOR KREMER: That's correct. It's worded the director or the deputy director or the...let's see the wording here...or the manager of permits and registration division. So one of those three people must be an engineer.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you. And I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Mr. Clerk, please, a motion.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend Senator Kremer's amendment. (FA672, Legislative Journal page 1437.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on 27 (sic).

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Kremer, I like most everything in your amendment. There are parts of it that describe the powers and duties that are conferred upon the Department of Natural Resources that are to be exercised under the direction of the director, and there's almost a half a page of laying out of what that work should be,