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Patterson, I believe, did an outstanding job as director of this agency. I don't think he did the outstanding job solely because he was an engineer. I think he had the capacity to negotiate with people, to see their viewpoints. And, Senator Beutler, I'm just shocked that the Engineers Association would think that it should be required that there be an engineer in charge, but that's kind of, I guess, the way we protect our entities. But it just seems to me that this is kind of archaic, to say that we have to have an engineer be the director. Now I don't know what Senator Kremer is going to do with his...with his proposal at this time. I think it's a very good proposal and I think that those factors that are taken into account to lead an agency aren't necessarily the same things that would require somebody to be an engineer. I think this broadens the scope of people that could serve in this capacity, and I think it's other skills that you look at besides their technical skills. I think technical skills are available to somebody to carry out their duty. I could never do all of the things that our Fiscal Office does, but we rely on the Fiscal Office, but I don't have to be a CPA in order to be the Chair of the Appropriations Committee. I think we have access to the people that have that unique capacity and I think this is the same sort of thing. I think it's...it strikes me as Nebraska and change. I don't think we ever want to do that. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd just make a couple comments on Senator Beutler's amendment, and he had mentioned that it's worked with the requirement being an engineer for so many years. I could use the same rationale, because one of the divisions that was formed when we formed the Department of Natural Resources was from two different other agencies, one is Department of Natural Resources. That person was an engineer. But the Department of Water...or the Natural Resources Commission did not require an engineer. So you could say, well, that worked without an engineer for years. So if you want to use the same rationale, you could say that doesn't need to be an engineer. We did kind of expect the engineers to be against this. It was kind of interesting in the testimony. One