

Department of Agriculture out of that process. I don't think that's a good idea. I think we should keep the Department of Ag involved in that process because that management plan is going to have to come here for our approval and I think the more expertise that we have in writing that and the more people we have involved in that process the easier it is going to be for us to approve that plan when it comes to the Legislature. So I would stand in opposition to the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Baack. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I just wanted to extend an opposition to the amendment. I think that Senator Baack hit it very well. This just brings into coordination the bill. It makes it possible for the Department of Agriculture to continue to do what we're asking them to do with this piece of legislation. And if we remove that, why we've hazied up the whole legislation and I don't think that's our intent here. I think we need to keep the legislation on track like it was...like it came out of the committee amended and I just don't support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Does anyone else wish to speak to the amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Elmer?

SENATOR ELMER: Madam President, Senator Baack has drawn my attention, I should be drawing these amendments to the E & R amendments rather than the Standing Committee amendments in the bill because the E & R appears to become the bill. Is that correct, Senator Baack?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay. That being the case, my amendments that are up there, the two of them, are not really in proper form, so I would ask to withdraw this particular amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. The amendment is withdrawn.

CLERK: Senator, the second one as well, withdraw?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, I'll draw that to the E & R and offer it in