

lead agency in this state so we don't create any kind of question that we ought to leave this in the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That was the point I was going to get to. It appears to me that we ought to leave the bill as we have set it out, follow through, defeat the amendment to remove this part of the bill so we can go ahead with the bill the way it was written. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senators. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President, members of the body, I just wanted to very briefly point out that the amendment of Senator Elmer's, which would delete the words transportation and storage on line 24, page 15 of the amendment, is unnecessary from the standpoint that we have oversight throughout this piece of legislation that provides for those areas that Senator Elmer is concerned about, the Department of Transportation, in other words, the Highway Patrol and other people who have to do with this type of legislation, they're already included in this legislation to allow their input for the wording and the implementation of this legislation. There is no particular reason for us to eliminate them because they're already there. We can use them and use their expertise. The other thing that I think we ought to remember is that this would only provide oversight and coordination between those agencies, so for us to remove transportation and storage, I think, deletes from the legislation and takes away some of the strength that we already have built into the legislation. So I'd urge you that you don't support this amendment and keep the amendment intact. Thank you. Say, I'd like to give the rest of my time to Senator Bromm.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. After hearing the arguments and thinking about it, I don't think it would be wise to remove the words transportation and storage and I respect Senator Elmer's intent and I certainly don't want to confuse the issue by having duplicative regulations. However, as it's been pointed out time and again, there are going to be other regulations that will be overlapping, promulgated under this bill and I think it's up to the agencies to cooperate and work those regulations out and I think what we're doing here on the floor this morning is becoming more what I think is a criticism