

the more definite involvement. I guess also in reaction to something Senator Baack said. You do have five agencies represented on this rules and regs committee. So I think that it would be possible to get a majority vote. I don't think this committee would come to a standstill, but there might be some disagreement. But with a five-member board you would have the opportunity for a majority action. I'd just like to ask and clarify with Senator Avery, I just asked him a moment ago, on page 3 of the amendment, on paragraph 2 it says the director shall be the chairperson of such committee. And Senator Avery, I believe I'm correct, your meaning is that the agriculture, director of ag shall be the chairperson of such committee. But I...since the other directors are named above in this amendment, I'm just wondering if it wouldn't be appropriate to say the director of agriculture shall be the chairperson of such committee. With that, I would simply support at least the intent here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President, members of the body, I don't have much of a problem with the amendment that Senator Avery brings us. But I think that it is almost redundant because these same people that he's putting on this committee already exist in the original legislation as far as oversight is concerned. I guess that I wonder what the reason for doing this is. I think that we've taken good care of them in the original legislation, and I wonder why we need to add a redundancy to it. And I agree with Senator Schimek that the director of agriculture is one that is probably the lead agency. If this amendment has to be accepted, that should be in the language. But I don't...I just fail to see the need for the amendment at this point. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam Chair, members, there may be, as Senator Schimek had pointed out, director is...the intent here is that the director of agriculture will be the chairman of the committee. In the original bill the only director that is identified and defined for purposes of the pesticide act is the director of agriculture. So the terminology on page 3 would, if this was amended, would define that director as the director of agriculture shall serve as the chair. All the way through, and this point was brought up the other day, that the pesticide act