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disasters and emergencies, such as tornados and so forth, but also it covers civil disorders, community disorders, such as if you have a drug-infested neighborhood and so forth. So this is a very, very good bill. It is needed more than you think. We certainly could have used this last year, and I would encourage its advancement. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pursuing again, Senator Wickersham, if we may, the nature of this agreement and therefore the effective date of this agreement and how it goes into effect. Part of the reason that I'm asking you about this is because I'm interested in the number of the implicating...implementing provisions and how that works, and also whether there's any gap in time between when we can implement this and when it goes into effect? If it in fact goes into effect immediately, then I'm...I have several questions relating to what we've done to empower people in our state to implement this. But going back to the original question, can we...can we look into again the question of when this goes into effect and why it would go into effect?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With...with...why we have a two-state requirement. If there is an existing compact that's specifically identified by name already, in effect, and we're joining that compact, isn't that the validating act, or not?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. The text in the bill for the compact is the language that was ratified by Congress in 1996. Okay? So that's just simply the congressional language. And in order to leave the structure open so that you had the possibility for additional parties, you couldn't say that state "XYZ", et cetera...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...is a party. In order to have any agreement at all, you had to start with two. But then if it became four, that was okay.