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our input as to what our intent is with regard to the language. Senator Suttle, it says the party states may submit the issues in dispute to an arbitration panel. First of all, let's say there is a dispute between two states, as opposed to individuals. In order for it to go to the arbitration panel, can just one state force it to the panel under this language, or is it your interpretation that both states would have to agree to arbitration?

SENATOR SUTTLE: It is my interpretation, reading the bill that, first of all, they may do this, that they don't have to do it, and that both states must agree to the arbitration before, and in that arbitration agree to have the decision as binding before they even begin the process. That's the way I read it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then the second question would be with regard to the intended breadth of this language. It says the party states. What if there is an individual in one state versus a state, would the state have to agree to arbitration in that instance?

SENATOR SUTTLE: No, I don't read it at all like that. If there is a dispute between an individual and a state, it goes back to the home Board of Nursing to determine how this should be done, and that is all taken care of in other parts of the bill that deals with individual nurses, and it would not pertain in this particular section of the bill. This is strictly between states.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so that section applies, in your opinion, only to disputes between states?

SENATOR SUTTLE: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. That's...that's really all I wanted to get on the record, and I appreciate your answers, Senator Suttle. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Further debate on the advancement of the bill? Senator Smith, you are recognized for an additional motion to advance.