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to this bill, one of us would introduce a bill next year, or any subsequent year, we would pass that law and we would understand that we were potentially running some kind of consequence, but it would be absolutely no different than the passage of any kind of a law that we wanted to make. It would be, for example, rather like the question that we're facing...we're going to be facing later this year when the .8 (sic, .08) issue comes before us. This Legislature can pass a 1.4 law, if it wants to, we have sovereign power to do so. We choose as a matter of consequence not to, but that's a political judgment that is asked and answered inside this body. And in answer to your question, changes to this or any other act in this field would be exactly the same as they are under any other circumstance. However, we would understand we were doing it with potentially some downside consequences.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Landis, but I think the practical answer to that is we wouldn't do it, just like we're going to pass the 08 (sic, .08) bill shortly here, we're not going to do it, we can't. We don't really have an option. Yes, we're the sovereign power and we're free, but not really, and this is another way to kind of give credence to state power but not really. And what's most discouraging about this is, I guess, that it doesn't matter anymore whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, I used to think the Democrats were bad about this, but now I see it's just the same. Congress takes away state sovereignty, takes it away, takes it away, takes it away. It's not a question of the principle, it's simply a question of which area of law you're in and whether you're a Democrat and Republican, and how you look upon that particular area of the law. It's pretty discouraging, frankly, because now, one side or another, we've got them taking away our power on almost everything. The low-level nuclear waste situation, very different from this, but in some instances very...what brought...what brought that to my mind, it didn't come to my mind until we had the discussion of should we be one of the 29 states to join it, or should we stay apart? Well, you know with the low-level nuclear waste thing we really jumped in; we were going to do our part. Now that was a compact situation, but it's analogous in some ways. We operated in good faith. We formed our particular interstate group...