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the motion?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I agree with Senator Maresh that if the bill is sent back to committee, it is dead. No one in his wildest imagination can imagine that that bill could get back here and be discussed any more. I recognize that what we are doing here is perhaps a little unconventional but it has been done many, many times in cases of emergency, and Senator Maresh is completely right when he pointed out that we did take a bill that was supposed to govern the control of slaughterhouses and converted it into a medical malpractice bill a few years ago. We have done many such instances. The issue before us today is whether or not the compact shall be renewed. Now if you don't want to do that, then you just vote against it. But I think to hang your hat on a technicality, albeit whether you agree or disagree, is not being consistent, and I think that the issue is important enough to the State of Nebraska that we should consider it. I think that if you are around here long enough, you are always going to come upon the time when something which is of great interest to yourself or myself will need to be dealt with in this manner. We saw that happen in the case of the Falstaff Brewery earlier this session where we moved with proper haste I think to take care of an issue. We have done that before and that is a courtesy that we show each other from time to time, a courtesy which I would have to say I am sorry to say is not always present at the present time. I would be against sending the bill back to committee. If you don't like it, kill it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, some of us who are sitting in the back oftentimes maybe have a chance to see some things that the people sitting in the front don't have the chance to see, and maybe we don't. But it appears from this seat that what we are really talking about is not Senator Maresh's 118 or not 118 at all but perhaps we are really talking about 318 and maybe trying to set some kind of a precedent as far as that bill is concerned, and, you know, that is kind of nice, I guess, if that's the position the educators like to take. But I think that these issues are not tied together. I don't think they should be tied together. I think Senator Maresh has worked on the barge thing for a great deal of time and we all like to have public hearings when that is possible and when that is appropriate. But I don't think that this issue is so complicated or so complex and I, for one,