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person for many years to help get the states in the compact and who then worked as an unpaid acting director...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...for a long period of time. There have been substantial contributions and the State of Nebraska has been generous, notwithstanding the fact that we have not spent all of our money. There have been times when the state has helped to support the compact directly and indirectly and we appreciate that. I appreciate this opportunity to debate the issue on the floor. My original reaction to the amendment not being part of the bill was not positive, I must admit, but upon reading the letter from the Attorney General I can see why the Appropriation Committee chose to take the route they did and to have the issue debated fully. I would hope that we would continue this process and that we would adopt the Warner amendment and then adopt my amendment to the bill. I will be glad to answer any questions and certainly I would say this, that unless we do hire an executive director or administrative assistant, we will probably not need, right away at least, the entire appropriation because...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we have not spent most of the original appropriation and, therefore, I do not object to the Warner amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Haberman.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I wanted to just clarify a couple of things and perhaps Senator Schmit or Senator Warner or both could address this as amended. And if I'm interpreting this correctly, then what Wyoming does really doesn't have much effect on the future of the compact. Would that be your impression, Senator Warner?

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: If I understand your amendment and what seems to be one thing is in doubt here is Wyoming's lack of interest in this, and I can confirm that from conversations with Wyoming legislators that there doesn't seem to be a great deal of