

we don't have a compact. However, we were told in the floor debate from the previous experience we had, I believe 14 or 15 states that were interested. So back then we were, and I agreed with all of this, that we had something really going that is going to grow and grow and grow and it has failed to do so.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: This reminds me a little bit about another bill we passed that we were going to do a lot of things and we haven't done them. As I say, I believe in the theory, but let's get it settled once and for all. If we're going to have five states as it was indicated to us and if they are going to pay their money, let's have them join and then we won't have any problems. If we don't have five states and if we can't get five states, then I think, Senator Schmit, you should lead the charge to get another state or to do away with the compact because that was the original understanding. Now if you want to change it to four, let's change it to four. I'll be perfectly willing to change it to four, but let's do it one way or the other. I just cannot go along with saying we're going to do this and we're going to do this and then when we get four years down the road or three years down road, the whole thing changes. So if you want to change it to four, Senator Schmit, I'll go along with you. I'm just saying this is what we decided, this is what it says we're going to do and then let's do it. And as I say, I'll support you on the grain pact idea, I'll support you if it's only four, but let's do what we're supposed to do, do it legally, do it up front and then the whole problem will go away. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests, please, in the north balcony of Senator Dennis Byars. We have 16 students from the Beatrice State Development Center and their instructor. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Hefner, followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Warner amendment and also the Schmit amendment. I've always been interested in the Interstate Compact on Agriculture Grain Marketing. I think it's very important. Just so I get this clear, as I understand it, the Schmit amendment would appropriate \$50,000 into our budget for the membership of this compact. And, Senator Warner, I'd like to have you respond