

two, as was pointed out by Senator Haberman, disassociation from the compact does not necessarily, does not in fact, limit the initial liability of that member state. Number three, the procedure for collecting those funds I suppose would have to be outlined by the Attorney General if, in fact, we felt that there were major obligations there by the state. As I recall, and I shouldn't just comment off the hip here, but I believe that when you take into account the interest earned on the money we probably have spent 12 or \$15,000 in the first two years of total funds. So I suppose we'd have a difficult time assessing Wyoming for more than one-fifth of that kind of money if they wanted to get out of the compact since we really did not have substantial costs. And I suppose if Wyoming felt deeply about it, they would do so. Just want to comment a little further, we are, and I'm not just sure how we are, but we are a member of the Compact to the Education Commission of the states and I'm not sure whether that is a binding contract, a compact, an agreement or whatever it is, but we pay dues. We are members of the Council of State Governments and the NCSL and we pay dues to that and I support those entities. This is, in effect, and Senator Hartnett came down and said, Schmit, you're not asking for enough money. If you were asking for 5 million or 50 million there probably wouldn't be so much debate. But I do not at all disagree with the debate on the issue. Anytime that this body spends money it ought to be a subject for open and above board debate and I ought to be able to answer those questions that have been asked of me and if I don't answer them satisfactorily, then you certainly have an obligation to vote against the appropriation. Senator Rod Johnson raised the question of what do the boards do with their money, the 4.5 million. And very frankly, there has been some concern because the Appropriations Committee has, in fact, only appropriated I believe about a million six of the Ethanol Authority money for the '89-90 budget period rather than a total of 17.8 which is there. I have had some discussions with Senator Warner from time to time about this. I don't know whether we want to take a look at those funds, Senator Johnson, and perhaps allow a little more discussion of those expenditures before the Appropriations Committee and even on the floor of the Legislature after what happened to me yesterday with the Ethanol Authority. In fact, Senator, I might heartily endorse such an action because it seems to me that oftentimes on this floor this Legislature creates an entity and the entity then says, we are sovereign unto ourselves and we need no further legislative oversight. So long as the money is taxpayer money, Senator