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needed to be ratified by the United States Congress?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I don't think it does. It's just an agreement among the several states. It does not deal with federal issues as such and, no, there's no federal involvement.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, so we don't need to go to Congress to ratify our entrance into this compact. How do we get out of this compact?

SENATOR WITHEM: We get out of this compact by passing a bill repealing our involvement. It does indicate the...the only negative that would befall the state if it chose to get out would be we cannot get out for two years after we pass the bill so we'd be liable for two years of dues.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Are there any contractual obligations that we're going to be liable for?

SENATOR WITHEM: There may be but they will be contractual obligations that we enter into subsequent to this. There are no contractual obligations that are associated with the passage of this bill. We may choose at a future date to enter a contract to provide veterinary medicine education among the several states. But we will only be liable for that particular contract then, for nothing else.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Things that we have entered into, signed our name to, knowing that we're going to be obligated, if we get out, we're still stuck, no penalties that we're aware of, no liquidated damages of any kind.

SENATOR WITHEM: The only penalties would be, as I read the bill, there would be two years after the effective date of a repeal statute that we would still be...before we could effectively leave the commission, they would expect dues from us. But that's relatively...relatively small amount in terms of total state support. Plus, I don't know what they'd do to us if we said we're not paying them anymore.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Does anyone else wish to speak on this bill? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you have a closing statement?