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recovery by the states for funds. There are a variety of other minor points dealing with reasonable effort to find all parties involved in case of contamination or problem, dealing with some of the issues of bankruptcy. And, finally, it also points out that the Governor of Nebraska, at this point, will have the power to appoint the two voting...or the two members, one voting, one nonvoting member of the host state. That's the committee amendments. As I said, this is an extremely important bill, and I might add all the parties involved in this issue, the generators, the other states, the other states' Governors, our Governor, the compact, U.S. Ecology, all have been working to try and develop a compromise package, which you have before you. And it's essential, now that this bill has been introduced at least in Arkansas, which its session ends, I believe, March 14 or 15, we had to expedite this matter as quickly as possible. And they are watching the progress of this issue in our state, since we are the host state at this point, and they are very concerned that, if we're going to participate in shared liability in particular, that our laws be consistent throughout the five states in our compact. If I have any time remaining, I would turn it over to Senator Beutler, if he would like the time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler, you have about six minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I think at this point I really don't have any comments. I think that Senator Johnson did a nice job of explaining the Standing Committee amendments. And so we can adopt them and we can further discuss them, either before or after, I would like to invite questions from anybody who would care to have further explanation, either now or later. I might elaborate just a moment to indicate to you that there has been an awful lot of work on this particular bill. It's not probably extraordinary in the fact that a Governor, the Governor of this state has probably spent more time on this particular issue than he has on any other issue, other than the budget. And his staff, a significant portion of his personal staff has been dedicated to this issue the last couple weeks. There have been negotiations with all of the generators of waste in this state, NPPD, and the utilities have been involved in these negotiations. Liability lawyers have been involved. The Governors of other states...of the other states have been involved, as well as some of their legislative leadership. And so this has been gone over time and time again, which is not to say it can't be gone over one more