

handle the situation as we would like to handle it. I don't know...I don't know that the difference between "may" and "shall" makes any difference in this instance, since the prerogative is in the...the key was to see that the prerogative was in the host...in the hands of the host state.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: One of my concerns about this is that, if they do not adopt some of these shared liabilities, which I believe they should do, is that they still may be able to have access to that facility, if they haven't adopted some of these amendments that we have. And I'm very concerned about that. I was interested in the intention and why we did that. One of the other questions I have is the nonvoting member, what would you envision their role to be on the Compact Commission? Would it be one of participating in debate, participating in views, those sorts of things, advisory capacity, right to attend a meeting, or what would you envision their role to be?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I would certainly envision their role to be...to include everything except the right to vote. I would think they would be supplied with all notices, all information, that they have a right to attend all meetings, that they could participate in the discussions, and in fact be full participants other than the right to vote.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. Would they be allowed access for any executive meetings that might occur?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That...I think that would be the intent.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. Also, over on the next page we talk about the members representing Nebraska may, when necessary, designate an alternate member. I realize we have that power now. The nonvoting member, would they be allowed to have an alternate as well?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The...I hadn't read this particular provision before, Senator, but I would think that there would be no reason why they would not have an alternate just as a regular member would.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And who would select their alternate? Would they be allowed to select their own alternate, or would...would that have to be officially done by someone else?