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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. Senator Johnson is shaking his head. Could I ask you that question?

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Johnson, would you respond?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, and the answer to that question is yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The answer is that we're going to take these amendments, if adopted, and the other states reasonably...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...similar, and that's the reason that it has to be reasonably similar is because Congress otherwise wouldn't have anything to ratify if everybody, if all the five states were different. If we do that, Congress would then at some point in time in the next whatever, that they would be able to ratify this.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That is my understanding, yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Has there been any discussions at the federal level, have they had the opportunity to review this? Is this something that is reasonably consistent with their policy of what they may be doing at this time?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator, I have not been in contact with our delegation in Washington as to the ratification of these amendments to the compact, but Senator Kerrey did appear before the committee on another bill dealing with low-level and he did indicate there was little interest in Congress of opening up this issue but I don't know if he necessarily meant that in regards to this specific amendment to our...

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.