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rather slim that Congress would turn this down. That's all I have, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Beutler, I hate to keep coming back to you, but you're...

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's all right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...my best source of information technically that I can get and I know that you'll go find some of these answers and this is not meant because I'm supportive of what we're doing, but there's purposes for it. I'd also like for you to cover for me the bankruptcy on page 11, line 6 on down through the end of that page, talks about if a facility operator files or has filed against it and in an involuntary sense I suppose bankruptcy, how does that system work? What...could you run me through real quickly what occurs when that bankruptcy would be filed by the operator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Where are you in the bill, Senator?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm on page 11, line 6 through the end of the page. It talks about in the event there is a...the regional operator files bankruptcy and if it's not dismissed within 60 days of filing. Could you kind of help me with what that does.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the purpose of that, Senator, is to avoid any argument with regard to the exhaustion of remedies, and basically the purpose of that is to say that at the end of that period of time they can proceed on to their other remedies rather than being forced to deal with that entity for possibly a prolonged period of time because as you know, under bankruptcy, depending on the type of bankruptcy and how long it can go on, it can be dragged on for a good long period of time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay. In layman's terms, if the operator of US Ecology, for example, files bankruptcy, we don't have to wait till the bankruptcy is completed before we can start our collection of fees from the other states in shared liability. In other words, we don't have to wait the four to five years that they may be in reorganization; we don't get any money;