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we're going to go after our other remedies first, but then we're going to go after the states finally. That's...it's designed to speed up the process to go after the other states.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's exactly right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Would that be a fair...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's a fair characterization.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Members of the body, I've asked some of those questions and they're not meant to detract from the bill, but quite frankly, through the discussion of low-level nuclear waste always the question has been, the issue has never been debated on the floor of the Legislature. The Legislature hasn't done this. There's a tremendous amount of work, I mean a tremendous amount of work that's been done by the committee, by interested people on both sides of this issue to get to this sort of work and it's important that we question that. I tell you, the eyes of the state, not only this state, but the eyes of those other states in this compact better be on the floor of the Legislature today because this is all going to affect them as well. They're going to debate this and in other Legislatures their year is behind us. Nebraska is out in front on this issue. Nebraska is in the forefront of siting a low-level nuclear waste site and today we may be the host site but in the future we're not going to be the host site and we're going to be the other state that is in the shoes of the other states of our compact right now and I'll tell you, those states better be as concerned about what we're doing and look at some of the questions we've taken. We've spent a considerable amount of time on this floor, in committee, from Senator Schmit as chairman to Senator Johnson as chairman listening to hours and hours and days upon days of low-level nuclear waste and it's important because those states in a few years are going to be wailing and gnashing their teeth, why in the world didn't we get this answered when Nebraska was doing it. Well, it's because we're out in front and we don't have all the answers and we have the problems that come up and the Legislature does the best job it can and this Legislature has done a good job of trying to deal and find all the problems ahead of time. So I think it's incumbent upon us to send a...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.