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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...clear message to the other states right now who are going to look at this legislation. It's important for us to send something out to the other states for them to look at and for them to adopt because in a couple of years, well maybe not in a couple of years, but in a few years and it may be at this site and Boyd County doesn't come through, one of the other states are going to be on the hook and those states are going to be grappling with the same problems we do. So this isn't a matter of treating Nebraska better, it's a matter of all the states in this compact learning to live with each other because some day in the future they're all going to be in the same shoes we are. And I think this amendment, this bill is in good shape. It's one I am comfortable with. Senator Beutler, I'm sure, is going to find out some of the answers so we can put more in the record at Select File, but it's extremely important and this is going to be a matter that when Congress looks at ratifying this, Congress has given the states a real burden to bear. I'll tell you, the State of Nebraska is bearing...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that burden and it's a tremendous burden, one that we've had a lot of counties suffer with. I'd urge the Legislature to adopt this bill. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Madam Chair and members, what Senator Kristensen just said is very true. This is very important, very complicated as it has been all along and what we're doing with this bill is simply closing some of the loopholes that have been in existence since we got into this. There are still, in my mind, other problems that need to be addressed separate from these issues. We are beginning to address some of those problems. I guess I would ask Senator Beutler a question. Senator Beutler, on page 10, line 10 I believe, where it talks about notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this compact or state Constitution, statute, or regulation to the extent that such fees are insufficient to pay for any cost associated with the regional facility, and that's talking about how we will go on to the other states for money. Would this cover state tort claims laws like we have in other states that would put a cap on their liability? Does this cover us in that area in referring to those caps that other states