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might have?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Morrissey, I think it's clearly the intent of this legislation to override any existing caps that might exist in other states' tort claims acts. This legislation would come later. This legislation is intended to take priority and I hope it's clear in that regard.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: But this legislation would override those caps?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Absolutely.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you. That's just one example, folks, of what we're trying to do. We're trying to do what we have been trying to do all along I guess, make our citizens more secure, protect the state, guarantee that the costs are shared through all the member states, through all the people involved. We have moved forward in this issue in good faith and that's one of the guarantees we have had within the compact contract, the good faith of the other states. And now we're asking them to show us the other, put the shoe on the other foot, that we're moving forward in good faith. These are issues that we would gladly live with, were you, Oklahoma, the host state. If you want to be the host state or should you end up being the host state in the future, these are laws that make us more comfortable as a host state in which we would gladly support for you, Oklahoma, as a host state or Louisiana or Kansas or whoever. We're simply moving forward as we should in good faith to protect our citizens to protect this state's interests, and we're asking the other states to show good faith and adopt the same language which will then be adopted by Congress as a formality basically. We are still moving forward in good faith to solve our problem and that is what Congress is concerned about. There should be no question if all states adopt this language that it will be adopted by Congress. Also, there have been intense negotiations between the governors involved and the governors discussing it with their legislatures and they worked hard to come to the agreement that this language represents, and Governor Nelson is real confident that it will be adopted by the other states because they've gone that extra mile to communicate to ask the questions and say, folks, we've been moving forward but we've got some real concerns here that have been evident...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.