

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Beutler, the amendment says "The Governor shall appoint the nonvoting member upon submission of an application for a license..." Has that license been...application been submitted as of this time?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ELMER: So if this would pass, then the nonvoting member would be appointed immediately, is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right. That is right, for purposes of Nebraska law, right.

SENATOR ELMER: Has this amendment been looked at and approved or negotiated with the commission?

SENATOR BEUTLER: This particular part of the amendment doesn't have to be negotiated with the commission. What has been negotiated with the commission is the addition of the nonvoting member. For the purposes of the commission, that nonvoting member is not going to sit until Congress approves what we have done with the amendments to the compact. So the Governor will be appointing the person early, but the person will not be able to sit until Congress has acted.

SENATOR ELMER: So what you are saying is, then, that the Governor, in all reality, cannot appoint this nonvoting member till the other four states have also adopted this new compact language, and then Congress has acted upon it, is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think we are talking the very same thing, Senator Elmer. The only thing I would say is that the Governor can appoint, but the member cannot sit until the other states and Congress acts. I don't think we are saying two different things. I just want to be clear that the Governor can appoint under the statute, but that doesn't mean that the person is going to be effective or be able to assume his seat until Congress has approved the amendments to the compact, itself.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay, then the next question is, is there language in the bill, as it stands now, without this amendment about how the Governor would appoint the nonvoting member?