

compact law with this amendment. We are amending the portion of state law that tells us how we address compact law. Again, this amendment is on page 2, line 6. The portion of law that addresses compact law that must be identical in all the states starts on page 3, line 14. It will not affect what the other states have to do. It has nothing to do with the other states. They can adopt language in their own laws that says how they appoint the members to the compact. We can adopt language in our state laws that say how we can adopt or nominate compact members. The language that has to be similar starts on page 3, line 14. So this will have no affect on what the other states have to do and how the language has to be identical. Again, simple procedural step on how we address the nomination of this member does not affect the compact language itself. I'd urge your adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Senator Elmer, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. I'd have a couple of additional questions for Senator Beutler, for the record. Senator Beutler, do you know if the Governor or his staff has been in contact with the other four Governors or their staffs regarding this and do we have their endorsement or their approval in any way that this would be proper?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I don't know if they have been in touch with the other states on this particular matter, but there wouldn't be any need for them to be in touch with the other states because we have right now on the books dozen of laws that pertain to the implementation of the compact, and those are not approved by the other states. How we implement the compact is our business. How we appoint the members pursuant to the compact language, and as long as we are not acting contrary to the compact language, we are not doing anything that requires the consent of other states. And if we should do something that would be contrary to the compact language, they could sue us because it is contrary to the compact language. But the point, and we are making a mountain out of a molehill on this particular thing, I believe, Senator, because this is a minor matter of how the Governor appoints the nonvoting member. It doesn't give us any more nonvoting members. It doesn't give the nonvoting member any more rights under the compact. It doesn't change our relationship to the other states. It in no way affects the deal we have been trying to cut with the other