

to put on the record that, obviously, I am going to be supportive of LB 837, and I am assuming that the other states, as Senator Morrissey was saying, and I agree with what Senator Morrissey is saying that it is in their best interest to do so. I also, though, have some concerns when I see Arkansas bring it back for technical amendment, and I know they have the same definition of technical amendments that we do, and I think this technical amendment is community consent, which was a major thing. I guess my question is, do you, and I guess why I want this on the record, if a state does put something on through an emotion of the time, through a cantankerous senator who wants to get something done and does it, and they put something that is different than what we have, what then happens to LB 837 as far as taking effect? It is my understanding that unless that basically word for word all the states agree, that LB 837 will be relatively meaningless, is that correct?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: That is right, yes. The adoption of any amendments that affect the compact by other states that are not consistent with the rest of the states in the compact would make LB 837 and the other bills in the other legislatures probably meaningless.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, and the other question I have is, is there a mechanism that is being worked on now, for example, if there was a two-house body, for example, if we are looking at different states being one house, different house, we could set up a conference committee, work out the difference, and ratify, is there a process being worked on now that the states would be able to negotiate differences and then come back to the state legislatures for a different ratification of a compromise agreement that they all agree? Is there anything of that process being worked on or developed?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Not that I am aware of, Senator. Most of what is in 837 has been agreed to by Governors of the other states, and our Governor, so if there are differences or concerns by legislators in other states, I am not aware of them at this point. I have my light on so I am going to speak after you, but right now I don't know of any other compromise that is going on in the other states to change this bill other than how it is written at this moment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, thank you, Senator Johnson. I guess I wanted to make sure that was clearly on the record as I