

think people have been very forthright and very open on the discussion. I just don't want people in Boyd County or any other county in the State of Nebraska thinking that once LB 837 passes these things will come to be. I want to make it very clear, at least on the record, and, hopefully that we will make it very clear when we talk to people that it may, even if we pass it and the Governor signs it, obviously, it may be into effect, but it depends on five other states, and it may not be in effect. But I just want to make sure we are very, very open with people so that they understand that. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President, members, I would like to get back to answering Senator Schmit's question, which was, is the bill of community consent having any impact on this bill, and bills like it in other states, and the answer is yes. The other states, obviously, realize that we have to work together to get 837 adopted and the compact law amended. But there also note that they have the power to hold those bills and particular Arkansas, which is going to adjourn sine die next week. And, obviously, that bill is being held for leverage, if you will, to see what we are going to do with the community consent bill. We can argue that these aren't interrelated, but in a way they are. And we have to be very conscious of the fact that these are very delicate negotiations that can fall apart immediately. And depending on what we do with the community consent issue, which is still in the Natural Resources Committee, could have a bearing on what happens to LB 837 in those other states, and Arkansas is the first example of what could happen. They will adjourn next week and do not meet for two more years. Unless they go into a special session to adopt or ratify these changes, it is very unlikely these changes will be adopted by Arkansas, at least, and so we are treading on some very thin ice here, and we have to realize, whether you are for or against the community consent issue, it does have an impact on what is happening here, and I think the word has gotten back to the other states that our present Governor is actively seeking to get the community consent bill to the floor. And like I said, I don't care if you are for or against it, but it does have an impact on this issue. We have to be aware of that, and that that, you know, raises great concerns for me, personally, that we get these compromises with the other states to protect our interest, and we have to be