

the federal or a state government, the applicant must submit evidence that arrangements have been made for assumption of ownership and fee by the state or federal government before the commission issues a license.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: So we are covered in both areas. We are required in both areas, both by federal and state law to take transfer of this property.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, thank you. That is helpful. And the other, the amendment clarifies that the title to the real property will not be accepted by the state until "all other requirements for licensure have been met." By all other requirements for licensure, does that involve...tell me how this relates to LB 837, the changes that we are making in the compact and the other states are expected to approve?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Well, there is a bill forthcoming, Senator, which is my priority bill, which deals more specifically with our own state laws. Obviously, the compact is federal law and requires all the states to approve.

SENATOR WITHEM: But is that one of the conditions before this title would transfer, that all of the other states would have to...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR WITHEM: One of the states could, in fact, bow their necks, not pass the changes to the compact. We would fulfill the local requirements for licensure. The state would own this property but we would be in a situation where the compact may not be holding together because the other states didn't pass these changes? Is that a potential? Is that a possibility?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: It is potentially possible, yes, that a state or two or three, since at this point only one state has adopted it so far, could decide not to take the suggested changes that we have offered in LB 837. Those, hopefully, were negotiated by a variety of interests, the Governor, the generators, the compact, but what we are dealing with here is the contractor, which is U.S. Ecology, and their specific duties in meeting requirements for licensure, and I can go into a long