

of things. It is probably way past time that the commissioners from the states do look at some amendments to the compact, see what we can do in terms of negotiating some things. I had a chance recently to talk with some legislators from New Mexico and New Mexico has had a long-standing water controversy somewhat similar to ours with Kansas. There has been with Texas and the legislators that I had a chance to talk to said if you have any opportunity with a water issue such as this to negotiate and look at the terms of the original compact, by all means do it because in their case they simply wound up going to federal court and there was a judgment against New Mexico. They tried to pay Texas with money for the water and Texas came back and said we don't want money, we want the water and that's what eventually New Mexico had to give them. So I applaud the efforts of looking at the antiquated language of the compact, appreciate Senator Beutler, Elmer and others who initiated this resolution and urge the body to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Very briefly, Madam President, this is an issue that I've dealt with at the national level because I know a number of the Kansas legislators, Bud Burke, the Senate President and the former speaker and I, and it seems like they bring it up quite a bit, but I always come back to them that it seems as though Kansas wants us to send them our water but in return they want to send us their radioactive waste which, of course, should concern Senator Dierks and others, so it doesn't seem exactly to be a fair situation and a fair exchange, but I do know that the Kansas Legislature is very interested in this and I do hope, and the words I get back are that they want to compromise and work with Nebraska, they don't want to go to court. I think everybody loses in that case so I do hope that the negotiations are successful and I rise in support of the resolution as well.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator McKenzie. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President, Senator Beutler, if you would yield to a couple of questions, please?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.