

this resolution does. It doesn't recommend any particular solution, it doesn't even suggest directions. It's just saying to them how can we make this work? Let's start hearing ideas. Let's start hearing how we can address this problem. You're going to hear more and more about this in the coming year and you will need to hear all of the different ideas, and if we can get these people started this summer and fall in developing actual practical mechanisms for dealing with the problem, that's part of what we need to do. That's a very important part of what we need to do and we need for technical people such as Mr. Jess to give us specific practical suggestions and alternatives about how this matter can be dealt with. If we don't like his suggestions, we reject them, but we need information. We need alternatives. I think we need to get started. I think this is a logical way to encourage...it's not necessary, but it's a logical way to encourage them to move ahead to develop some consensus. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President, I understand the questions and concerns that some are raising and Senator Bohlke and all, and I'd like to try to respond to that a little bit. Mike Jess, in his capacity as director, is going to go there with full, with the full knowledge and support of at least the executive branch of this state, and if he would propose something that would be contrary to our wishes, it's my feeling that the Governor would have to help take some responsibility for that. I would envision that Michael Jess would be in close contact with the Governor's Office and the Governor's Office would be in close contact and as well as Mr. Jess with the Legislature in any substantive proposal or recommendations that they might make and, of course, as others have said, anything must come back here for approval. If there were a better way to do it, I would be willing to listen to that, but we have to start with this problem or I can tell you we're going to be in federal court and maybe that's where it will have to wind up, but I don't like that alternative if there is a possibility of finding some solutions short of federal court action and this is the first step. I mean they have had annual meetings between the commissioners of the compact. They do that all the time. Last year was the first year that, or maybe two years ago, that I had an opportunity to take an interest in what they're really doing and I found it extremely interesting, but also very frustrating, and I think if we would decline to support this