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SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, we...we tend to call some things agreements, and we tend to call other things compacts, and when we're working between states we most often use the word "compact". I'm not sure whether that's a term of art or not. And...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I think...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me...let me explain the question that derives from that, and you can tell me what...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...what your opinion is of the matter. But, let me...let me frame it in terms of a series of three questions, all of which are related, perhaps. First of all, can states make agreements with one another without the approval of the federal government? If they can, when and under what circumstances do they seek the approval of the federal government by requiring that the federal government approve the compact before it actually goes into operation? The Low-Level Compact that we're a part of, some of the water compacts, we call them, that we're a part of, all required, in order for their immediate institution, approval of the federal government first.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Um-hum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: On the other hand, we know that we have some interstate agreements for the enforcement of child support and other things like that, which don't seem to require the approval of the federal government. And, frankly, I'm a little unclear as to when we do and when we don't. Enlightenment on that general question would be good but, more specifically then applying it to this case, is this...is this compact going into immediate effect, as it says in Article XI, or does it in fact have to be approved by the federal government? Those are my beginning questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay. I think the distinction between a