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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, because the compa...because the federal government has approved, this is then in effect immediately upon enactment into law by any two states. The nature of the federal approval is for any states that want to group together? I mean I'm a little confused by the idea that there are twenty-some states in existence already as part of this compact, and then...but then our language seems to indicate that enactment by any two...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...states brings it into effect. So perhaps you could elucidate a little bit on...on that. The reason that I'm...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator, time. I'm sorry, you might not have heard me. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just wanted to stand up here and on the record voice my support for this LB 83. We had some projects in my district in this past year that I was trying to accomplish. Also, I think Senator Preister had this experience as well in his district of trying to use National Guard assets to help out with the demolition of drug houses. The Nebraska National Guard, either Air or Army, does not have the assets available to it in order to help facilitate the removal of some of these public menacing structures that are havens for crime. It was interesting that this same procedure was done in the state of Iowa, with the Iowa National Guard, and they do have the assets. What I'm talking about is the simple trucks, the bulldozers, what they need to actually get the job done. This was done in Sioux City, Iowa, and that's where we got the idea in South Omaha. And when we try to do it here in Nebraska, we don't have the equipment. They said, well, why can't we get the folks over in Iowa to help out? And they say, well, we're prohibited from doing that. And this bill, from what I've been able to discuss with some of my colleagues, would clear the way to have kind of more shared assets and so forth. So, we would be able to use equipment and assets from other states, and also give assets from Nebraska to other states when they have problems. So this is not only just the emergencies that one thinks of when they talk about natural