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have additional questions, I'll simply yield time to you. What it authorizes the Governor to do is to respond to a request in another state. And then there are provisions in the compact for reimbursement, if not direct payment for the costs incurred while you're in another state. There may be kind of a cash flow issue, but we're not...it's not intended that you be out-of-pocket expenses.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Um-hum. Well, the provisions also provide for the forgiveness of debt as between states.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is our Governor empowered to do that?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Not unless that's authorized in statute. This isn't...that...I would say that that provision is not self-executing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Would you say the ability to give money out of the current Emergency Fund is not self-executing?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: We have a \$100,000 fund. Is that the one you're discussing? It's usually at \$100,000.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I guess, the question more broadly would be, is any giving of aid to another state self-executing with the un...insofar as execution may have been authorized by the passage of this compact? The...you know, the general questions I'm trying to get at, Senator, are what's actually going to happen here without the implementation of statutes related to and fleshing out this particular agreement? For another example, it says with regard to withdrawal from this compact that you have to repeal the statute. But it doesn't take effect until 30 days after the Governor of the withdrawing state has given notice to other governors. But we don't...there's nothing said about how long the Governor, for example, has to give that notice. Something that could be dealt with in statute, for example. And that's just one detail of several that I'm interested in in terms of how this is implemented. Whether...do you...let me ask you generally, do you envision a set of statutes that will be an aid of the implementation of this