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compac...implementation of this compact?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I didn't contemplate that before this discussion. (Laugh.) But, Senator, I think...I've not been advised that that was necessary. As you recall, a couple of years ago we did a comprehensive rewrite or reform, if you will, of the Emergency Management statutes. And, quite frankly, at that time I thought we took care of these issues. But, I'll be happy to work through those with you and see whether we did or didn't. And the...my understanding was that the only reason that we had to bring this specific issue to you was that in order to be a compact, i.e., an agreement approved by the Congress and then approved by the states, that that process required legislative approval. We gave authority, in that earlier bill, to the Governor to enter into mutual...what are literally mutual assistance agreements with other states.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well, it may well be that I'm just ignorant of...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yeah, and I...and well...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...preexisting law. So,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...and, Senator, I...I'm sorry, but I'm not being terribly responsive to the particular issues that you're raising, and I think we'll just have to go back and examine the general authorizing statutes that we have in order to answer your questions. I think you're...they're good questions, a little...have a tiny amount of egg on my face that I'm not able to respond specifically.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I appreciate your being willing to look into it, and I'm sure we can have a good conversation,...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...on or off the floor.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.