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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And they can do that now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And they can do that now. And in the event that they merged, whose law applies? The law of Nebraska, or the law of Kansas? Let's say you have one school district across the boarder in each state.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: You cannot...you could not abrogate the general terms of state law, and they'd have to find some way to make a molding so that both state laws were applicable. But again, Senator, you're postulating a merger, and what really happens in these entities, and it happens now, and exactly what you're describing could happen now, I'm not sure if it has but it could, is that you find a particular function and you agree to carry that out through...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...an agreement. And that agreement is what governs and then, beyond that agreement, state law governs what can go into that agreement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, they...they don't merge, but it's a separate political entity. And on page 17 of the bill it says that the "joint agency may perform any governmental service", et cetera, et cetera, "which at least one of the participating public agency is authorized to perform".

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Um-huh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So, in the example of working with a Kansas school district, if Kansas law says the Kansas school district can do something which we say they cannot...school districts in Nebraska cannot do, wouldn't we be required, under this law, to follow Kansas law, if the joint entity chose to follow Kansas law because it was authorized in Kansas?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: I...yes, Senator, I think that would be the result. But I...I'm not so sure that you can't achieve exactly