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advice in this situation, this is not the time that I would want to withdraw from the compact because that's originally what I wanted to do 16 years ago. This is not the time when I would say, I'm out of here; I don't want a chair at the table. Because one of the words we never hear discussed, I was thinking the other day, some...we ought to inspire a whole load of children to want to grow up to be water lawyers, because when I see the sums of money, \$20 million to litigate this and that, I never hear in the public arena a discussion of meaningful settlement and resolution of problems, and we talk about it all the time in the private sector. But I'll tell you what. It'll be difficult if I were facing this situation for a private client, if I was looking at \$90 million plus possibly or probably, if I was looking at possible specific performance, and I am going to give a site that I never wanted, that I don't want, that I've always wanted to get rid of, but I'm going to get it anyway maybe, and if I had freely and voluntarily signed a contract to be in a compact, whether I should have or not, whether it's a good one or not, this is not the time that I would want to stick my head in the sand and walk away and say, do to me what you will. I would want to be in the middle of the arena defending myself, taking care of myself, making everybody talk to me, making everybody consider my point of view, using whatever leverage I could come up on a near term or intermediate or far term basis, in other words, it's a negotiation, and what you can't do is negotiate your way out of a difficult circumstance if you aren't in the room. I urge us to consider carefully and not think that we will just blame this on facts or circumstances. We are where we are; for whatever reasons, we are there. And the reality is that our position is not improving, it is deteriorating. And I respectfully urge that we don't take ourselves out of the game and try to go home because we're in it, and we have a problem, and we need a resolution, and we want to participate in the resolution and not have it be a cram down upon us. I urge the body's continued careful consideration. I've had an opportunity to share my thoughts. I appreciate your patience. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Schrock on the bracket motion to LB 530. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I