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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Dierks, you are recognized to close on advancement of LB 530 to E & R for engrossing. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm not sure what else to say. I think I've covered the whole process with you. I think you know the frustrations that my constituents have been through, and I think we've done every thing that we can to help those frustrations and sometimes it didn't help. All of a sudden we have the chance now to make it help because I still think that the proper course of action, in spite of what you heard here today from some of the attorneys, that the proper course of action for us is to withdraw from this compact. I don't have any fear at all about that. The other thing I wanted to tell you is that when we withdraw, there's a five-year period during which we still are a part of the compact, and as I recall, and I think I'll ask Senator Kristensen to explain that a little bit, we still can opt back in during those five years. And so I want to redirect your views to the...to the point where we were talking about withdrawing from the compact, not about the lawsuit that is before the federal district judge. That enters into it a little bit, like Senator Bromm said, but that's really a different issue, and that's one of the things that's been brought out all morning to try to confuse you, I think, and I want to not have you confused. It's very simple. We're trying to withdraw from the compact, period. I would like to relinquish the rest of my closing to Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Thank you, Senator Dierks. The issue that we need to decide is, should we give notice to withdraw? That notice will not be effective for five years. During that five-year period of time, we could revoke our notice and say we're not...we're not going to get out. What liability is there has attached? Getting out of the compact will not, in my opinion, will not be another