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effective with the signing of this bill. We don't even know whether during that five year period the Legislature will change its mind, as was suggested when we were discussing it on Select File. There is time in which to rethink and reconsider. So maybe what everybody will say, who's going to vote for this bill, well, it doesn't matter if we write a bill that doesn't say what it ought to, we have time to rewrite it later. We don't want to rewrite it now, during this session when we're doing it; we want to put this into the statute, then we can redo all of it at a later time. One reason I was opposed to doing away with reading every bill is because it, on occasion, develops that additional time is needed to consider what is in a bill. Even though you don't understand the words being read by the Clerk, you have an opportunity to read and consider. This bill did not come under the application of the rule that allows us to vote on it without reading it. It is so brief that it will be read. I'm not arguing at this point my opposition to Nebraska withdrawing from the compact. I'm looking at the language suggested in this bill. I'm a stickler for language. This is not my bill. So, Senator Dierks, my motion says bring it back to strike the enacting clause, which I'm not going to carry through, but I wanted to raise these issues. And maybe nobody is interested in it who wants to see the bill pass. All they want to do is pass something. But I wonder, here is what the Governor is supposed to do, based on the directive of the statute: "The Governor shall notify in writing each of the governors of the other compact states and the chairperson of the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission that the withdrawal of the state of Nebraska from the compact is effective". The governors will say, no, it isn't. The chairperson will say, no, it isn't. Do you read the agreement that you entered? You haven't given five years notice. You don't even say "this is notice" to start that period of time running. You are not following the requirements of the contract which you are trying to exit from. So, if everything in a contract is governed by what is within the borders of that contract, not only does it lay out obligations, duties, and benefits, if there are to be any, but, if there is to be a way out of that contract, it will state in its terms how to get out. And this is not the way. My understanding from the discussion on Select File is that we must give...