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the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice, in writing, of such withdrawal to the governor...to the governors of the party states." This is exactly what we have done. Senator Chambers quibbles with the word "effective". Is the withdrawal effective? It's not effective in terms of the contract terms for five years, just as I read. But it's effective in terms of Nebraska having taken the action that they need to take to withdraw by repealing the statute and by giving the notice required by the contract. So I don't think there is anything wrong at all with this language.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, your light is on next. Senator Kristensen, for discussion on the motion to return LB 530.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And I...Senator Beutler, also...and I was discussing with Senator Chambers, I saw you had the statute book out. It...it does say, the statute lays out the compact. The compact is in Section 71-3521, and that's the whole policy purpose, that's the definitions, that sets out the rights and obligations. It's...it's...it's the agreement that everybody signed, and it is put in statute. Now one of the provisions to be eligible to participate was that everybody had to enact this statute. Everybody, to the best of my knowledge, did do that. Article VII, subsection (d) says we may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same. Now I assume when they say "the same", they refer to the compact itself that's in this statute. And then there's a sentence that says unless permitted earlier by unanimous approval of the commission, such withdrawal shall take effect five years after the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice, in writing, of such withdrawal to each of the governors. I don't know that you have to have a statute that directs the governor to give notice. We did that. That might be belt and suspenders, but that's what I believe the record to be. That's what this statute does is repeal the statute and makes express that we want out. The argument would be when is effective? Is the statute inaccurate, saying that it's effective immediately, when the withdrawal...or the terms of the compact doesn't take effect for five years? Senator Chambers, I'll give you any remaining time I have, but I...I'm comfortable that it does what