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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Couldn't it just say, notify the governor and the chairperson that this is Nebraska's notification of its withdrawal from the compact?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It could have said it that way, too, Senator. But what it does say is not wrong in the sense...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler,...oh, excuse me. Go ahead, I don't want to cut you off.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...in the sense that the word "effective" is meant to refer to the completion of the acts to be done by Nebraska in order to effectuate withdrawal insofar as Nebraska had to take these preliminary acts.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if this language were not even included in the statute directing the Governor what to say in that letter, we wouldn't even be having this discussion, probably, would we?

SENATOR BEUTLER: We wouldn't be having this discussion, but it wouldn't be as clear to the Governor that we want him to do this forthwith.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I don't mean...you can instruct the Governor to make the notification. But that's all the Governor has to indicate, that pursuant to the terms of the compact, Nebraska Legislature repealed the statute that contained the compact, and this gives you the notice of that act, which starts the running of the five years,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and let it be. Instead of saying...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I wouldn't quibble with that, I think there are several ways of wording it, all of which are effective.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that the Governor is bound by this language in the statute to put a statement which is not