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limited, but if we want it back we can get it any darn time we want it. I return Senator Smith's time to him.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Mr. President, members, I think this is a good discussion, and especially I went to print out the bill off my computer here and it's 115 pages long so I did not do that, but I do have some questions for Senator Landis and it stems from, you know, the 50 states. Does the program work if Oregon, as the best example,...

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: ...would choose not to participate?

SENATOR LANDIS: The triggering mechanism is ten states and 20 percent of the population of the country. Thirty-one states went into the writing of the project. The point at which it becomes valuable is where you have enough states and enough corpus, if you will, of compliance that a major company, like a Wal-Mart says, you know what, I'm volunteering to pay; I'm going to use this software; I'll be happy to pay my taxes around the country or, you know, see to it that they are collected and remitted; I'll do that work. The more states the better, because the greater the benefit to the distant marketer.

SENATOR SMITH: I understand that and, basically, we're...this project will motivate other states to levy our tax for us. Is that an accurate assessment?

SENATOR LANDIS: I would choose different language. We will levy our own tax. However, this mechanism will make it easier for a company who's in a distant state that a Nebraskan does business with...

SENATOR SMITH: Right.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and, therefore, it's supposed to collect the tax because it's coming back to Nebraska. It should allow...it would make it easier for that distant marketer to collect and remit back to us the taxes we levy.