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SENATOR LANDIS: I'll do my best.

SENATOR JONES: Well, you're talking about ten states that's really trying to form this right now, but there's 30 states that's trying to do it in this nation right now. And I guess that there's always concern about the states that don't pay sales tax at all. Is any of them in that group? Or how do they fit into this picture?

SENATOR LANDIS: I don't know. I'll see if I can get an answer to that question. I don't know why a state that had no sales tax would bother. So I don't know that there's any role for the states that have no sales tax. But I'll ask.

SENATOR JONES: Another question is, how do we know that every business in them states that we're joined with is in the program? I mean, there might be a small business in there, a small manufacturer making some farm product, and we call over there through the Internet and get it, and they not even record it yet.

SENATOR LANDIS: In the original first level of compliance, we're talking about a voluntary choice by the retailer.

SENATOR JONES: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: A voluntary choice by the retailer. And essentially what they get is they get a really easy system to comply. They won't get any problems if for some later time nexus is created and they then have a bunch of back taxes that they should have collected because they were doing business in the state and not complying as they should have. So there are reasons for them to comply, but it's voluntary. So it's entirely possible that you will have somebody doing business in another state who will not have been a volunteer.

SENATOR JONES: That's what I was wondering.

SENATOR LANDIS: And the second level, the place I ultimately hope this gets to, is that if you get enough businesses and enough compliance, you will, I think, have changed the scales