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point. If today we decided that there was something in that agreement that we couldn't live with, at least in a theoretical sense, we could put into this bill something that said, we agree to be a part of this so long as you change "X," "Y," and "Z." As a theoretical matter, that's true, right?

SENATOR LANDIS: Sort of the exceptions that one can take to treaty...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Conditional approval.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...treaty approval? We will turn around after this ratification process and then we will be certified to go into the streamline project. My guess is that if we created conditions, we might not be certified going into that basis. Our ratification is like half of an equation. Past that is the certification that we are in fact able to use the software and comport with the...you know, with the coming software. Exceptions, I can't tell you that we get to make exceptions. I don't think we get membership with exceptions. I think you could pass a law, it would be hanging out there, and the ten people who were both...who both ratified and were certified could decide to change the streamlining project and accept us in. But I don't think...I'm going to, off the top of my head, again, tell you that I don't think that we can ratify ourselves with exceptions and gain membership. Because there's a second half of it, and that's the certification project that we're okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But I assume we could gain membership if then the governing...well, it's kind of the chicken and the egg. There's no governing body until there are...

SENATOR LANDIS: Well, if we were...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...a certain number of people, right?

SENATOR LANDIS: ...the eleventh state, if the other ten states had formed the streamline project, at that point I think those ten states could make an adjustment for the purpose of accepting us in.