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SENATOR BEUTLER: If they wanted to.

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR LANDIS: But I don't think we're going to be able to be one of the first ten, because we wouldn't...our ratification wouldn't match the certification process.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Another question I wanted to get a little better handle on is where we are as a practical matter in terms of these volunteers that might be out there and agree to be governed by this agreement. That is, if I understood you prior discussion, the only businesses that would be bound by this are those who agree to be bound. Is that accurate?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'm doing two or three things simultaneously, and in fact I'm not sure I can...you're going to need to rephrase the question.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I'm trying to pick up what I thought was part of Senator Brashear's discussion the other day about the voluntary nature of a company's involvement in this system. That is, they've got to want to pay the taxes. If they don't, they're not going to...there's no legal binding...there's nothing legally binding on them to participate in this system. Is that accurate?

SENATOR LANDIS: Nothing forces them to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...participate in the streamline project. Understand, Nebraska has got a law that says mail-order catalogs owe us taxes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I...yeah.

SENATOR LANDIS: Now, they've beaten us. They've beaten us.