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sit there with the Banking Committee and say to Tim Wagner, you only can vote for ideas in the NAIC that we already support. We go to the NCSL. We vote for NCSL resolutions and the like. We don't get permission to do that. In fact, Pat O'Donnell goes off and represents us in the NCSL when they have the Clerks session. He represents Nebraska. We don't give him directions to do that. ALEC, I think Pat Engel and the rest of the ALEC contingent here goes off to ALEC. Sometimes they have an Executive Session and they help determine, you know, that group's organization. We don't give them permission. I serve on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators where we create model legislation for states. I've got to tell you I've never asked for the permission of the body to speak as an Executive Council member on behalf of Nebraska. Admittedly, those are organizations whose effect on us will be far more limited than the streamlined organization, but I got to tell you the only way the streamlined organization works is if they can move all the states along and keep the states together.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: They have no desire to overwhelm or force states into doing things that they don't want to do, but they are trying to get to a large enough body of states that are doing the same way that we can get mass compliance, and it is for exactly that purpose I think that sending off representatives empowered to represent the state, which we commonly do, makes as much sense as anything. I'm going to vote no on the Beutler amendment. In the event you pass the Beutler amendment, I'll continue to support the bill. I'll be able to live with the Beutler amendment, but I just think as a matter of policy, exactly on the same basis that Senator Beutler puts it to you, that this amendment fails to meet the standard that you and I observe every day, which is to represent others in our capacity as a state senator.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Landis. The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I