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can't have a little better situation. By the way, how do you know the other legislators aren't... legislatures aren't doing the same thing? I'd advise them all to do it. They all should be advising their representatives in this case as to the correct policy. I do not want two people or, as it is now, one person from this Legislature deciding policy. How many people can you think of in this Legislature that don't agree with you on certain aspects of exemption policy in this state, sales tax exemption policy? I'll bet you can name a topic and you can pick out four or five in this Legislature that don't believe the same way you do about that. Well, that's what it's coming to, my friends. Once this group has power, and they will have power as soon as they've made this work, then one person from this Legislature is going to be voting and representing all of us somehow on such questions as amending that agreement, which can, in turn, affect what exemptions, what kind of exemptions, under what conditions we can give exemptions, and our whole sales tax policy. Tell me this. Who do you think, once this organization is in place and is generating \$150 million for Nebraska, for example, who do you think the lobbyists are going to go to lobby on sales tax policy? Are they going to come to us? Forget it. The new lobby will be behind the glass next to whatever chamber it is that the governing board of this agreement... where the governing board of this agreement meets, because they will try to affect that group to make a decision internally which will then affect every state that is under this agreement, and which will ultimately be all states. So maybe that's the benefit of it. We won't have to listen to the lobbyists anymore on sales tax policy. But do you like that idea? Do you like this governing board being lobbied for this or for that, and then we're told that either we follow the governing board's new policy or you can get out? Or we can pay the \$50 million fine or we can get out? There is and will be enormous power in this group and we ought to recognize that right off, and we ought to do the best we can to mitigate that devolution of power.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Chairman, I would... President, I would... I'll give my time to Senator Landis.