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make the postincarceration system work better for economies that will benefit everyone, including the taxpayer. It's terribly important that we adopt the compact. I'd appreciate your consideration, would urge its addition to the package. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. On with discussion, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, I would rise also in support of the amendment and I would like to thank Senator Pedersen for working on this and being willing to go ahead and introduce it a second year. I do have one question to ask Senator Pedersen, and I know I've heard this information before, but I've frankly forgotten it. I know, Senator Pedersen, that an initial meeting has been held to start putting the organizational structure and rules and procedures and all that kind of thing in place for the governance of the compact. And it is my understanding that we really need to be in on the next meeting because that is where a lot of this will be confirmed and decided. Am I remembering that correctly?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pedersen, would you respond?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Schimek, you are absolutely correct.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, so our timing is such that if we don't get in on this meeting, we may not be a player in making some of these decisions. So I would strongly encourage adoption of the amendment and the compact. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Beutler on the Pedersen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I support what Senator Pedersen and Senator Schimek have brought to us. I was at the Judiciary Committee hearing when a gentlemen came and presented it, and I can tell you that I asked him some very searching questions, some very pointed questions, and he did not evade anything, and I was satisfied that this is