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assumption that whatever decision that director makes is the same decision that the Governor will want made? Is that...do you think that's a fair statement of how things will actually work?

SENATOR MINES: Probably, Senator. I guess the other side of that argument is, who better to serve on a compact than the Director of Insurance? I don't know that a legislator might...one of us, might best serve the citizens of Nebraska serving in that capacity. I think that's one of the arguments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, and that's a very interesting argument. We are apparently competent to deal with this bill today in all its complications, notwithstanding our lack of specific expertise in the area, and yet, if I put up an amendment suggesting that one of us should be the representative on the compact, why is not that person just as competent to represent the people as an elected official as we are here today to represent the people on this particular issue?

SENATOR MINES: Well, there are...as we all understand, insurance is a technical industry, and those of us that are citizen legislators are not full-time in a capacity of insurance, as an example. So the argument could be made that the best-qualified person in our state to represent us in a compact arrangement might be the Director of Insurance. I think that would be the response.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So your view would be that with respect to this bill itself, we ought to do what the Director of Insurance says and not be in a position...not put ourselves in the position to ask any questions.

SENATOR MINES: Well, I think as Senator Redfield had pointed out, we do have...we've got a backstop in that the Legislature can, at our discretion, choose to evaluate...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MINES: ...insurance regulations if we feel that the compact isn't best serving our constituents.