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me that any statute that Congress enacts, because the bill says statute, not rule, regulation or whatever, but statute, any statute that Congress enacts will automatically modify the law of Nebraska to conform to the requirements laid down in that enactment by Congress. So if Congress enacts something this term of Congress, it automatically modifies Nebraska's law to conform to what Congress has done. If Congress comes back next term,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or even within the existing term, and repeals that provision, I don't know whether that means the Nebraska provision will be repealed also or if that reinstates the original form of the Nebraska statute as it existed prior to being modified by a congressional enactment. I think the area is not as clear-cut as Senator Landis is suggesting, unless he has decided that he agrees with my position. And I don't think that I'm dealing in semantics here. I'm reading the language of this proposed amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler, on advancement of LB 570.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, Senator Landis, let me ask you about the third part of that provision, (laugh) as long as we're going to cover all of these, and I think it's also difficult to understand. It says this article is subject not only to a treaty or a statute of the United States or regulatory statute of this state. Let me ask you in the first instance what a regulatory statute is under the terminology of this bill. Are we talking about duly enacted regulations of the different bureaucracies?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: We're talking about a statute that regulates, a statute that regulates.

SENATOR BEUTLER: We're talking about the statutes of the state of Nebraska?