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also to take care of the bureaucracy's obligation of seeing that that disposition is carried out for that child.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't sit yet. And, Senator Thompson, I want to ask a few questions before I begin to speak. And I'll turn on my light. If the 35 states that are required to agree to this compact through the enactment of legislation would agree, what becomes of the other 15 states which may choose not to participate? They are not bound by the compact, are they?

SPEAKER BRASHEAR PRESIDING

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Senator Thompson, will you yield?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes. I'm going to check on this, but I believe that they're bound by the previous compact. And so ... because all 50 states joined the previous compact. And so you would have a transition. But this compact would have many advantages to it that they would...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I don't know. I'm not sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Are you trying to stump the...do you know the answer to this?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A competent attorney never asks a question to which he or she does not know the answer, but will not necessarily give that answer. Because in order for us to have the discussion, it's necessary to have some issues hanging so that people will pay attention. And I'm going to give Senator Thompson the opportunity to find the answer. And I won't ask another question now, because the time is too short. But my light is on. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Members, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 59, LR 60,