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rights to know where the kids are. So these are kinds of things that...it is a more modern way of addressing and helping the bureaucracy do the right things for the kids. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, let me address a question to either Senator Thompson or Senator Howard. And I seem to revert to certain types of questions when these compacts come up, that disturb me greatly. And basically, the reason I become disturbed is because we as a Legislature start giving away, yet again, another of our powers to make laws. And we do it in such a way that we don't even retain the strings to the extent that we logically could, but rather, not only dilute our power in terms of giving the lawmaking authority away to a compact, but further dilute our power within this state by handing over to the executive branch the appointment of a person who will go elsewhere and make laws like the Legislature does. We put into the executive branch the lawmaker. On page 11, Senator Howard, it says that this interstate commission has the power to promulgate rules which effect the purposes and obligations enumerated in this compact. And I want to come back to that. And then it says, which shall have the force and effect of statutory law and shall be binding on the compacting states to the extent and in the manner provided in this compact. Then it goes on to say, on page 26, "Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law of a compacting state that is not inconsistent with this compact." But if it is inconsistent with this compact, then laws that we have in place right now, that you and I passed, cannot be enforced, and are essentially no longer our laws. And I would like to come back and ask you eventually what laws will no longer be in effect? Or what laws are at risk if we enter this compact? Then in subsection 2 it says, "All compacting states' laws other than state constitutions and other interstate compacts conflicting with this compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict." And then it says, "All lawful actions of the Interstate Commission, including rules and by-laws promulgated by the Interstate Commission, are binding upon the compacting states." So there, clearly, through these