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CLERK: You're absolutely right, Senator, it is.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...everybody.

CLERK: It's just...

SENATOR BEUTLER: You can ask my staff. (Laughter)

CLERK: It's my one eye, Senator, that's bad. It's...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

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

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, I'm just...to the Beutler amendment, I don't have a problem either way. If the Legislature wants to change it to the Legislature rather than the Governor, that's fine with me.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are you through, Senator Thompson? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I will support this amendment. If anybody else wants to offer amendments that are designed to smooth out or make clear what this compact is about, or to try to salvage for the Legislature some of the prerogatives it ought to have, I will support those amendments, too. But this is not my bill. Had I been present when the Judiciary Committee took their vote, I would have voted no. There was just not enough known or understood. You don't see any members of the Judiciary Committee standing up here explaining why they voted to send the bill out here. Why not? Because they don't know. They don't know what's in this compact. And I'm not going to embarrass any of my colleagues in the committee by asking them to explain this compact that they voted to send out here. You know what I will tell them when I'm there and there's a bill I don't like? You've got the votes to send it out there so I'm not going to fight in the committee, I'll just vote no; but on the floor, that's where my fight will