legislate. It cannot do that even if it wants to. Now, the Legislature can refrain from exercising that power. Nothing demands that the Legislature act on every issue it is authorized to act on. There's nothing that would prevent the Legislature from refraining from acting on that which it has the power to act on or refrain from acting on. This compact is something that the Legislature should thoroughly consider, and the Legislature does not comprise Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers. An argument which says go along with this because the present compact of which Nebraska is a part is outdated, outmoded and so forth, that is not an argument for getting on to this one. That might be an argument for getting out of the other one. But there are two issues there. One is to get out of a condition or a circumstance which is undesirable. The second independent issue is whether you ought to get into a different set of circumstances through your affirmative vote. You don't have to get into this new one in order to get out of the old one. Just get out of the old one if it is so objectionable. But there is nothing that says a condition to getting out of the old one is that you...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...must get into this new one. If you're in a bad situation, consider carefully before jumping into another one which may be equally bad or worse. The analogy I have made is of a person in a situation where there's domestic violence. The person may feel compelled to stay there because outside of it is something worse. But that person would not voluntarily jump out of that bad situation into an equally bad one just because it's going to be done at the hands of a different person. Thank you, Mr. President. By the way, was that my third time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: That was, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson, and this will be your third time, Senator Thompson.