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SENATOR LANDIS: You owe it, but it's not being collected. That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this bill...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is not passed, what happens? What is the effect of that? Is Nebraska out of this group?

SENATOR LANDIS: At some point, if there are too many variations between what Nebraska says and does, and what the commission does, we would then retroactively be found out of compliance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how...

SENATOR LANDIS: I cannot tell you that passing this bill at this moment would move us from one side of that equation to another. My guess is it would not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are Nebraska merchants, if this bill passes, going to be obliged to collect the taxes from people in other states who may purchase something from Nebraska?

SENATOR LANDIS: No, they will not be obliged. Remember, this is a voluntary system by the vendor who chooses to start collecting sales tax and remitting it to the various states.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I could tell a bookseller, if I buy enough books, if you charge me sales tax, you've lost a customer.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers. You may continue. This will be your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, thank you, Mr. President. And if enough people did that, a vendor...let me back up. What is the advantage to a vendor to collect taxes pursuant to this bill?

SENATOR LANDIS: Arguably, a vendor may, through a number of