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this money as money to fund their efforts with Congress to obtain any meaningful grants that might be available and to look at the feasibility and that sort of thing. There is a...there is a clause in the compact that does allow a state to withdraw and, if we become a part of the compact, it would take the enactment of a statute repealing the statute that joins the compact, and that withdrawal would take effect one year after the effective date of the statute. And a withdrawing state is liable for obligations which it may have incurred prior to the effective date of withdrawal. That is...that is it. I encourage you to read the material that I've distributed. Appreciate the discussion and any...any questions that you might have. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hilgert would move to amend with FA19. (Legislative Journal page 488.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Hilgert, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I appreciate Senator Bromm's efforts in this field. I think this is a good idea and I think it's probably inevitable with the energy problems that this country is going to increasingly incur, so I'm not against the concept whatsoever. What I...what did alert me to this bill, after reviewing the fiscal notes which...it...the last line says, "At this time information is not available on what Nebraska's membership costs will be." Much of the debate on the last bill was the \$500,000 price tag. Well, we don't even know what the price tag is going to be on this bill. In that vein, I have drafted an amendment to, on page 7, line 9, strike the year..."one year after" and insert the word "on", so the new language, the new sentence, will read in total, with the change adopted: Withdrawal from this compact shall be an enactment of the statute repealing the same and shall take effect on the effective date of such statute. If the cost and the financial obligations are so innocuous regarding this compact then I see no need why we need to wait a year after our entire legislative process, which is not the quickest in the world, finishes its business. I'm not against really the bill,