

All of us serve on various committees and all of us are requested and required and expected to come up with recommendations. For us to provide to you or to this body a vague resolution would result in these things. Number one, it will result in the resumption of attendance at a variety of meetings across the state from several groups. And we have tried that, we have attended those meetings. We have decided that it is best for us to attend the conference of the Central Interstate Group for the reasons I have given you. Now if you want to go back to the resumption of travel to the various states of all of the attended expense and publicity involved, fine, but you will serve no purpose, Senator Newell, except to increase the expense, increase the amount of time necessary to reach some kind of conclusion, and I want to tell you this, that if we are going to draft compact legislation, then it is important that we know with which group we are going to be working as soon as possible. If we begin another round of visits, you might say, with the various states, we are not going to be engaged in the annual drafting, in the actual drafting, and that is important. As you know, legislation, compact legislation must be approved word for word by all of the states. It is not an easy matter to get the type of consideration that results in that type of legislation. You say we should not hurry on this alone, perhaps you feel that by ignoring the problem, it will go away. This will not go away. The problem is here. It is going to continue to be with us. Now we can continue to ignore it. We can find ourselves on the outside and then we will be faced with the expense and the necessity of providing for our own or we can follow the procedure which was established some time ago for the adoption of a compact with the states which I have indicated. As a result of hearings held this summer, as a result of public input, the decision is made to go with some other group, that can still be done, but I want to say and say to the members of this body that the public is going to be far better advised if we pass a resolution that says we shall join a certain number of states than if we say we intend to join a group of states or we may join a group of states and we may not. I believe that this body has the responsibility to the public to let the public know what we intend to do, and if then they decide that what we intend to do is detrimental to the public interest, they can (interruption)...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to us and oppose it and then we must not take action but to leave it up in the air is a disservice to the public. I have no intention of hiding behind that kind of language. I do not believe the Legislature of the State of