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because shared liability doesn't necessarily always have legal connotations where terms like joint and several liability do, I assume that we are jointly liable based upon the volume of production.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well the word, the joint liability was negotiated out.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it's not joint.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Would you explain that to me on the record because I want to make sure that we understand what shared liability is and that one state won't be hung or three states might be hung if two other states refuse to pay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, to begin with, Senator Kristensen, if I'm understanding the situation right, I'm not sure if the situation would ever come up as a practical matter because I...are you assuming that a state would go bankrupt and be unable to pay?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, I'm assuming a state won't pay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, then we have our remedy of going to court and forcing them to pay because they are a member of this compact and we have a contractual right as you know to require payment. And the cost of that litigation would also be shared.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that's exactly the problem. This becomes a very vicious circle in terms of shared liability.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If a State Legislature says we're going to revoke our membership into the compact, there are other penalties and so on that kick in, but what about the shared liability? Is it your intent or your understanding that a state is inexplicitly, I mean there is just no other way that they could get out of this compact, that they are absolutely on the hook for it? My question is, they don't pay. They say, sue us, come get us. What are our remedies and what in here explains how we are to proceed and what we're to do?