

Hall's amendment, by the way.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I rise in support of Senator Hall's amendment. I've discussed this issue with him and feel that it is appropriate to have the speaker making these appointments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Legislature, I guess I would like to ask some further questions as this question has now arisen. And I guess my question has to go to the importance of this conference altogether, and I need to have a little refresher course on constitutional law and what it takes to change the Constitution of the United States. But if this is a preliminary conference, the basis of which will be to draft proposed amendments to the United States Constitution, and given the organizing ability of the parties involved, it seems to me that this is an extremely serious matter. And I am not even sure I want one person appointing our delegates to that particular conference. Maybe the Legislature, as a whole, should choose who goes to that conference because it seems to me that this is potentially a far more important matter than the chairs of our respective committees potentially which we choose altogether. It is certainly not like going to a seminar or an ordinary conference or representing us on an annual basis before some national group. And so maybe I would like to skip to Senator Kristensen directly and ask you, Senator, what is the purpose of this conference, and to what extent is it designed to be to draft a prelim...to draft preliminary changes or potential or proposed changes to the United States Constitution, and to be an effective organization for advancing those propositions?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Madam President, how much time is left on Senator Beutler's time because...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Three minutes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am sorry.