

that brings together people in the highest form that we can do that is not legally binding. In other words, we don't have something at this that will create a new Constitution. This group can't say here's our constitutional amendment we want you to do and officially start the ratification process of the constitutional amendment. I believe this to be the easiest way to communicate with Congress through giving them a petition of here are our needs, our desires, and our wants, and if they ignore that, after you have that many states get together for that purpose,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...then perhaps you do have some other problems.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen and Senator Beutler. Senator Abboud, your light is next. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, I find some things in this resolution so distressing and factually inaccurate that I'm going to have to make a comment or two, and I think Senator Beutler's issue is well taken. In fact, there are so many issues dealing with this that we are talking about doing that don't go directly to the language of the resolution that I hope we don't rush it through, unless there is a determination to kill this resolution. If the resolution is going to be killed, then I won't take any more time. That's what I would prefer to have happen, but, apparently, it is not going to happen. When I look on page 207, at the top, and see the words "coequal partners" talking about the relationship between the states and the federal government, no, they are not coequal partners. The federal government is supreme. The Constitution makes the federal government supreme. The Constitution said that no matter what a state puts in its constitution or laws, a federal law overbalances and outweighs a provision of the State Constitution. So federal law and the Federal Constitution are supreme to anything that the states do. The Supreme Court has repeatedly made it clear that the supremacy clause of the Constitution is in effect. I know that there is a movement abroad in the land today to say the federal government is a villain, everything the federal government does is bad, and it should be taken out of the equation, until there are things those groups want from the federal government. When business wants something from the federal government, like favored