

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If a majority of this body feels that way, I think that they would probably vote to reject that, and not...and then we would not be part of that process to go back. And there is a certain number of people here, and let me, just as we talk, but to take that back to Congress, we would not be one of those states that would do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, in order for somebody to take that back to Congress, who has to approve, or if the delegates to the conference approve, then can it go back to the conference as a representation of the conference?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You'd have to have a majority of the states.

SENATOR BEUTLER: At the conference.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so what we do, as...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: In fact,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...a Legislature with respect to ratification has nothing to do with whether that is going back to the federal, to the national government as (interruption)...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, I...ultimately, yes, this Legislature could say no and forty others could say yes, and it is going to go back. Yes, yes that's a possibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So what is the purpose then, in effect, of our looking at it after the document has been approved by the delegates to the conference?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, let's just say that a majority of the states do not like what that conference did a majority of the states reject that and it is done. It is history. It will not be committed back.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so if a majority of the states approve it, though, then it is going forth as the position of the states.