

other publications that what they intend to do is put together a petition, and if you will read in the resolution, itself, on page 2, lines 21 to 27, is the first portion of my amendment, and it states that the delegates of the Conference of States will propose, debate and vote on elements of a "action plan" to restore checks and balances between states and the national government. At that point, I put in language that says "the action plan shall not include any proposed changes to the Constitution of the United States". As you go further down the page, on second page, between, on line 18, I insert under the...prior to the official convening of the convention, Senator Chambers mentioned, that the states and the steering committee will draft, this steering committee, that we have no idea at this point who those people will be, will put together this whole list of proposals. Under (5), in the bylaws of the draft, it says that they will (a) conform to the provisions of this resolution; (b) specify that each state delegation shall have one vote at the conference; and (c) specify that the conference agenda be limited to fundamental, structural, long-term reforms, and my amendment adds at that point, and not include any proposed changes to the Constitution of the United States. It's my belief, after reading through the information from quotes from Governor Nelson and quotes from Governor Leavitt in Utah, who are the two Governors who are at the lead on this proposal across the United States, that they do intend to put together a document, a petition, whatever you want to call it, that will address proposals, not necessarily to change, specific proposals to change the Constitution of the United States, although it may include that, but in particular it seemed that what they are proposing is to change the mechanism that we now amend the Constitution with. At this time, when we amend the Constitution of the United States, and, Senator Chambers, if I make any mistakes here, please correct me, because I am attempting to understand some of these things, and I am attempting to read as much of the documentation as I can on this, but in order to amend the Constitution of the United States, you need a vote of two-thirds of Congress and a ratification process of three-quarters of the states in the United States. What this proposed structural change that they are referring to I believe in this resolution will, the proposal will be that they will change that from needing two-thirds of Congress and three-quarters of the states for ratification, they will strike the congressional oversight, and it will be just three-quarters of the states for ratification. And what they are doing is getting together at that Conference of States three-quarters of