

the states, so if they can get three-quarters of the states at the convention to agree on this, and bring that back to their state legislatures, six members of the Legislature and the Governor of that state, it won't be very difficult for them to have those same thirty-four states to bring that document back to have it ratified in their state legislatures. They will already have the Governor's approval from those thirty-four states and six legislators from every state, so that document will change the amendment process to the United States Constitution. This is what I believe is probably the most, the biggest consideration for convening this whole Conference of the States because they already have all the powers that the Governor...or that Senator Kristensen is talking about. We already have all of this. We have the process in place for all of these things. It's the people who have not necessarily been using the process. It is not the process that's bad. It is the people have not been using the process. So what you first have to ask yourself is, is this even necessary to have a Conference of the States? And I conclude, no, it is not necessary. And if you are going to do it anyway, then what are they going to try to get out of it. And from what I have read, what they are going to try to get out of it, and what they are talking about in this fundamental, structural, long-term change is a change to the process of how to amend the United States Constitution, to streamline it, in effect, to knock Congress out of the reform, out of changing the Constitution, and to just say all we will need from this point forward is three-quarters of the states to ratify whatever change they want to the Constitution. And if they have some time left over, and they actually start to write what changes they want to make to the Constitution, and they use this expressed threat, like Governor Nelson alluded to, to convene a convention at that time, then at that time all they will need to do is get those same thirty-four states together to make what changes they've all agreed on. So it is not that far-fetched to think that what they are bringing in here may not be specific proposals to change the Constitution, but, certainly, and I'm sure Senator Kristensen cannot deny this, and I have quotes from the Governor here, published quotes, so he cannot deny it, what they intend to do is change the structure on how to amend the Constitution of the United States, to streamline that to three-quarters of the states, instead of two-thirds of Congress and three-quarters of the states. So what my amendment is doing is saying that that's not going to be part of their plan, that they are not going to try to streamline this change to the Constitution. If they want to get together