

and talk about how we are going to get rid of mandates and everything, that is fine with me. I am all for that, although I don't think it is necessary. We can do that without convening a Conference of the States, and the extra expense that nobody knows where the money is going to come from. We can already do that. I can already put a list down of the mandates that I want out, you know, motor voter and all these other things that I want out, and send that to my Congressman. So you can already do that. What you can't do is to get thirty-four states together, like they want to do, and put in a process to change the Constitution of the United States' process to change the Constitution. That's what you can't do right now and that's what they are convening the Conference of the States for, and if that's what you want, if you think that is fine, if you think it needs to be streamlined, then you can freely vote for this resolution, but please be up front about what we are trying to do here. What I am saying is that will not be...they will not be able to accomplish that streamlining of the process, and that's what my amendment is trying to do is say that the action plan will not include any proposed changes to the Constitution, and that any proposed changes to the Constitution in fundamental structural and long-term reform will not propose any changes to the Constitution of the United States. That is what they said they are not doing, so it shouldn't be very difficult to adopt this amendment to put it into the resolution to say that that is what they are not doing. I hope you will consider this amendment. I hope you will take the time to understand more about this Conference of the States because I will say again we get one chance to vote on it, and that is when we pass or not pass this resolution. And this is just a safeguard, my amendment is just a safeguard to say that they are not going to propose any changes to the Constitution because you don't need those...to propose changes to the Constitution to tell them that you don't like the mandates that they are passing down from the federal government, and that is all Senator Kristensen said that he wants to do when he gets there. So I hope you will adopt this amendment. I hope you will give serious consideration to this...to the implications of this resolution at large, and I hope you will take the time to understand what is being done here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wittek. Senator Abboud, followed by Senators Chambers, Withem, Kristensen, and Beutler.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, I rise in