

in the conclusion, that the delegates of this Conference of the States will get together, propose, debate, and vote on elements of an action plan to restore checks and balances between states and national government. This is a bipartisan approach to deal with the problems that we've been facing in recent years. Now what organizations are in support of it? Well, we have already heard that the Council of State Government is; the National Governors Association is; the NCSL is, as well; and, apparently, I just received, I believe it was an opponent of LR 16, it was on this yellow sheet that I think a number of us already have,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...but it quotes that the American Legislative Exchange, ALEC, is also promoting...actually they promote a much more radical approach of a constitutional convention. Now if we wanted to propose a constitutional amendment, constitutional convention, we would propose a constitutional convention. I don't see what the problem is with this particular resolution. I am not afraid of proposing it if that's what I feel is in the best interest of my constituents and my state. But there is no proposal to do that before us, and if you want to state specifically that we will not propose a constitutional convention with this particular resolution, then we will follow Senator Kristensen's approach here, which states that this is not an application for the calling of a federal constitutional convention. We realize we have problems with the federal government, and maybe with this new Congress and the contract...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...with America that is being proposed, maybe some of these problems will go away, but I am not sure that they all will.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I do see now, we are looking at the committee amendments and not the copy of the resolution in the Journal, so the part about without amending will be taken out of the committee amendments. Senator Witek, politics does make strange bedfellow, and knowing that you are conservative, very prim,