

clear that this conference of the states cannot, using language, handout that he had, mutate into a constitutional convention. I think it's clear from my reading of the Constitution that that could not happen anyway. What the Kristensen amendment does is it states it very specifically that under no consideration will this become a calling of the federal constitutional convention within the meaning of Article V. What the Witek amendment does is it goes one step further and says that when these people get together to talk about the relationship between the state government and the federal government they cannot even discuss, I guess it doesn't limit discussion of it, but they cannot conclude that maybe we need to consider further amendments to this Constitution. I think if we're talking about the relationship between the state government and the federal government, I hope we wouldn't need amendments to the Constitution but to simply say we're so frightened of any single topic that we'll not even allow it to be considered as part of the action plan by the Conference on the States goes too far. The Kristensen amendment goes as far as we need to go to clear up any concern that this might become a constitutional amending convention. Without the Witek amendment and with the Kristensen amendment, we will make sure that that does not happen, but the Witek amendment goes the one step further of making it clear that if the states would conclude that we want to consider some amendments to the Federal Constitution, now if they would consider those with the Kristensen amendment, they would have to either have those proposed by Congress, or as Senator Kristensen has accurately pointed out, go back and begin the process one more time of calling for the constitutional convention after this is all over. So I think the Kristensen amendment adequately takes care of the concerns that Senator Witek has raised. The Witek amendment goes a step further and I would not support it but I will be voting for the Kristensen amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, you know, Senator Chambers, I've never had an amendment that I hadn't offered, hadn't spoke on and had you support and then you worked to get others to support it. I should do this more often. I should do it more often. Actually, Senator, you're correct, Senator Chambers, in terms of I don't believe that the amendment that Senator Witek offers, I understand her intent. Quite frankly the fear I have with that