

legislators to attend.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, that's right, okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And so that's change number one and change number two was that Senator Hall has adopted onto the committee amendments which are pending now that we designate that the Speaker do the appointment. The draft that came out obviously intended to have all 50 states do something very similar to that and they had in their presiding officer. Obviously in our state the presiding officer is the Lieutenant Governor. If you're going to make legislative selections, it made sense to have the Speaker make legislative appointments because the Governor was going to represent anyway.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Then these amendments that we're considering now are, I would say, substantive changes to some degree to the amendment, the committee amendment, and what is being proposed in other states. My question is, if we adopt amendments, how does that impact our state delegation or how does that impact perhaps the...our actually agreeing to the call to the conference?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think it could affect it in two ways. Obviously, if we make too many substantive changes or you do something more than basically take what we're asking to do through the states, you may jeopardize your participation or you may create a legal challenge that could later be used, if Congress wants to resist those sorts of things, that they could come and say, well, this declaration of participation was substantially changed and that would give rise to a legal challenge. Certainly changing the number of delegates doesn't necessarily change the philosophic or the intent. I think Senator Witek's amendment does that. The amendment that I propose I think comes closer to the key that it basically outlines what the intent was that we're not going to have a constitutional convention because I don't think there's any stretch of the imagination that that occurs, and that's the reason I'd be comfortable at least putting my amendment on there. Would I like it not to be on there? Yes, but to relieve fears in here I'd put that in there.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, and then if we do adopt substantive amendments and we presume that the rest of the states don't I guess, does that mean Nebraska gets counted as one of those