

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, since that's the way we're going to do it, I have a number of amendments that I intend to offer and they can come up in their regular order. But to ramrod something through like this by the man who does so much talking about the importance of amending the Constitution and how carefully it ought to be done and others who talk about the Constitution, see whether you want to defeat it or not, you can defeat it. And we do have the right to resist substitutions, but for the rest of the session maybe nobody should offer to substitute an amendment of their own for one that is already up there. But here is what I would say to Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek, and these are not questions for you to answer, how do we know every other legislature is going to swallow spit and take this just like it's written and put its state on record based on something written by people they don't even know? Nebraska is so suppliant, so willing to grovel that they think that all of us are going to say, we will vote for what is presented to us because others want it to be taken just like this. That's not what you're saying, Senator Schimek, I understand that, but I just wanted...my first comment was only with reference to what other legislatures might do. If all of this has no legal standing and no legal significance, why does Senator Kristensen even make a point about a court challenge as to whether or not all these states that agreed to this conference agreed in exactly the same way to the same words. If it has no legal standing, what difference does it make what we say in the resolution that we offer? It's merely supposed to be a resolution agreeing by Nebraska to participate. If you were going to try to bind the Legislature and the delegates from this Legislature by the words of this resolution, why do they even need to go? The die is cast and this is the agenda. That's why I say it's not appropriate to stand up here and say, nobody has got an agenda, it's nonpartisan and all the rest of this when those of us who are members of this Legislature, who are being asked to give a vote to put ourselves and the Legislature and the people we represent on record, we're not to amend something with which we have substantive disagreements or attempt to amend it. I intend to battle on this and I have some amendments that I'm going to offer, and if they want to take it to cloture, that will be the perfect thing because it will demonstrate that when we are talking about the serious issue of the relationship of