

to have to come back here before they can go on to Congress, so we'll have that debate here twice. Once will be if you believe that there is some recommendation for constitutional change, we don't have to adopt the States' Petition or accept the action plan. Let's just say that we don't and it still happens, for them to have an amendment it still comes back here for us to debate so we've got a second chance to debate that before there would be any change. So I think those protections are there. You know if, for political reasons, there are other reasons to oppose this, fine, I understand those, but I think that for the majority of the Legislature to sitting here this afternoon or this morning and saying, is this a good thing to do, you can write letters to Congress. How successful have you been? You can go back to Congress and testify. How successful have you been? You haven't and you won't be, and who cares if every person in the State of Nebraska walks up and stands on the Capitol steps, do you think they're going to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...listen? Of course not. What happens though if 34 states come together in a formal method and meet, think of the pressure that can be brought to bear by their presence and by them taking back and then formulating an action plan, taking that plan back to the states, having those states ratify that, think of the impressive communication that that can be to Congress. If that doesn't work, what else do the states have to do? You ask for a constitutional convention I suppose, but I don't want that. I think we ought to avoid that. This makes good sense to me and I hope that you defeat the Witek amendment, adopt the committee amendments and approve LR 16. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Witek, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR WITEK: I have talked to Senator Chambers, we're resubmitting the amendment as a whole so we will get to vote on that amendment at some point, but the purpose of my amendment is so that you will not have a delegation from the State of Nebraska to bring back a document that asks us to ratify changes to the Constitution. I'm not concerned as much that you're going to call a constitutional convention at this Conference of States, although that it is a possibility that that can be done. But what my major concern is, and I'm going to keep saying this