

don't think the Constitution should be toyed with. I don't worship the Constitution. I don't say that it's the best document that the best minds that ever existed could have put together. I never have said that. I never will say it, because as I've mentioned before, the only provision that the Constitution itself said could not be amended was the one dealing with protection of the slave trade. That's the only provision in the American Constitution that the Constitution itself said could not be amended before a certain date. They could have abolished the Bill of Rights and everything else, but they could not touch the protection for the slave trade. So the Constitution is not a document that I love, but here's what you ought to consider. We know what is in the Constitution or we can find out if we read it. There have been court interpretations and whereas some people think a court, a Supreme Court should not be activist as they call it, the necessity and the anticipation was that the court is going to be able to modify the application of the Constitution to fit changing circumstances. If that could not be done and the Constitution had to be applied literally based on the words contained in it, it would be necessary to completely overhaul the Constitution several times during a generation. So because there is a lot of silliness and craziness abroad in this country is not a basis to say the effort or the beginning of the effort to amend the Constitution should be undertaken in that attitude. First of all, I'm not aware of anything that can limit what a constitutional convention can do, and this will be seen as the first step. This whole thing will take on a life of its own as I was beginning to say the last time and I'll probably run out of time again, but I believe that there are media people in other parts of the country who will recognize the seriousness of this much more than the local media in Nebraska, and they will see the profound implications of it, and their representatives at the state level and the federal level will be watching closely what happens and see it as a mandate to do certain things and for political reasons it can be used one way or another. So when Nebraska's time comes to be called, I want it to be as clear as possible from the resolution that is submitted that there are certain things that the Legislature has not gone on record in support of in advance. That's why I support Senator Witek's amendment or some version of it. I'm going to vote in favor of hers, and if it's adopted as I hope it will be, later on with a free-standing amendment I will offer to amend it. Or if some other contingency arises, then I will offer as a free-standing amendment in conjunction with Senator Witek a