

different version of it. But I hope that we will look at what is being suggested here, the ramifications and remember the story of Pandora's box. If this were just an ordinary...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if this were just an ordinary resolution by the Legislature, I would just ridicule it and make fun of it and that's it, but this goes much beyond that and is asking that something much more significant and substantive be done.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Maurstad, followed by Senators Hall and Schimek.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, thank you. I rise at this point because quite frankly I don't know where I might end up on LR 16, but one of the interesting things that I have observed in the last two months is once in a while we start out on a particular course. It would be kind of like my leaving Beatrice and deciding to head to Wymore and wonder how I ended up in Bradshaw. We start out on a particular course and we end up getting off on, to me, tangents that have very little to do with the discussion. One of the things I'd like to mention at this point is I see significant difference between in how we change the Constitution and the calling for a constitutional convention. Quite frankly I'm surprised at Senator Witek, somebody who I believe feels very strongly in individual rights and in states' rights to be so adamantly opposed to the direction that this resolution appears to be heading. There need to be some changes made in how we can go about amending the Constitution. Obviously, with 200 years gone by and a constitutional convention not being convened, it's highly unlikely that one will be convened in the near future. So it appears to me that if we can take some steps that would allow the states more power in amending the Constitution, allow another tool, more flexibility in amending that Constitution, that that would be appropriate action for those that believe in states' and individual rights to take. So I, basically, rise at this juncture just to indicate that I see a dramatic difference in calling of a constitutional convention and looking at ways to make it maybe easier for states and individuals to change the Constitution.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Hall.