

SENATOR HALL: Question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: That will not be necessary, no further lights are on. Senator Witek, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it's not very hard to understand my position on this and I know people say that I am an individual who appreciates state rights and definitely individual rights, but I am also a person who believes that in the Constitution of the United States, as written, or the amendment process as we have it now, and I don't want to change it, I don't want to make it easier to change the Constitution of the United States. I think we already have in place all of the things that we need to assert our rights as a state. Senator Jones has a resolution up after this one, the sovereignty resolution that does the same thing only a lot cheaper. It says we don't like where you're going, we're going to assert ourselves. We could be in court with a lot of other states fighting motor voter and a lot of the other mandates and make some of those changes. I think we've made some profound changes in Washington and even in Nebraska. It's not the process that's the problem, it's the people who have been manipulating the process. It's not the Constitution that is the problem with states' rights. It's the people who have been manipulating those rights of the states and not following the Constitution. So that's why I don't...you're hitting at the wrong target with this Conference of States in my opinion. We already have everything we need and I want to make sure that when the people who want to hit at this target go for it, that they don't take down the Constitution of the United States or make it easier for people swept up in some kind of political, you know, fever of the moment, to change the Constitution of the United States. I'm very concerned about the Conference of States getting together. I'm very concerned about the product, that they say they're going to bring forth this petition. And what my amendment does is say that when they bring out this petition, that it will not call for, there will not be formal amendments to the Constitution. This amendment doesn't do that as well as the proposed changes from Senator Chambers. That makes it just that much more clear that what we're aiming at is not to...we can't tell people they can't talk about things, I'm not about doing things like that. What I'm about doing is saying that the document won't try to amend the Constitution, and so at this time I'm going to pull this amendment and save the body from taking the time out of the discussion of voting on