

it which I have a feeling from the discussion that it will not pass. We will go on to other amendments and I have put in with Senator Chambers this same amendment with the Chambers changes to it that do make it clearer, and we'll go ahead and try again with that amendment. With that I appreciate the discussion on this amendment. I think it has brought a lot of people closer to the understanding of my objections and the objections of others on the floor and maybe closer to understanding what this resolution is asking us to do. I hope we have a much longer, deeper, more thorough discussion on this issue before you would ever consider voting on this resolution and I thank you for this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. I understand that was withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Witek. The motion is withdrawn. Next, any further items, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the committee amendments, AMU723. (Amendment appears on page 949 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do offer, this is the amendment that we discussed before for those of you who have been in and out this morning. I believe one of the objections certainly that you may have been contacted about I don't think is a legitimate objection. I don't think it has any validity but I will certainly amend the bill to place in here that the adoption of this resolution does not, does not constitute an application by the Legislature of Nebraska for the calling of a federal constitutional convention within the meaning of Article V of the U.S. Constitution. This is to allay the fear that this is some subterfuge or this is some mechanism in which to get around and to call a constitutional convention without this Legislature being able to vote to do that. Clearly, plainly, if you want a constitutional convention, this Legislature would need to vote affirmatively to petition Congress to do that. Conference of the States cannot do that for this body. To make that clear, I offer this amendment. I hope you'd adopt it and feel comfortable that those fears are not real ones. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Schimek and Senator Witek.