

constitutional convention. So this proposal by Senator Kristensen to say that nothing in this resolution will be construed as calling a federal constitutional convention is understood. If you read through this resolution, this is already understood. So this amendment, if you think is going to change any of my concerns or the concerns of others, you're wrong because this is simply a reason to placate...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...to say, no, this isn't...he's trying to define what our concerns are and he's off target with that, and then he's trying to say this will take care of your concerns and then we'll be done with that and we'll just push this resolution through. That is not the case. My concern is not that this document says this will be a constitutional convention. I can read this document. It does not say that they are convening a constitutional convention, but that does not stop them from putting together a document to change things, to come back to ratify in the states, and then if it is not paid attention to, then call a constitutional convention or ask Congress at the time they go in and have us ratify. This...they don't even say when this is going to come about. It says possibly October or November in Philadelphia. The likely site will be Philadelphia. I mean, people, this is already coming together far outside of the Nebraska Legislature. Please pay attention to some of the things that are happening on this. This amendment...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...does nothing to allay those fears.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm going to support Senator Kristensen's amendment, but it still doesn't address all of the concerns that I have. I don't want to just say that the resolution does not constitute an application to call a constitutional convention. I want it to also say that there will be no proposals emerging from that to amend the Constitution. This whole thing, in case you're not aware of it, in my opinion is going to be bally-hoed, publicized around the country and whichever organization or if there turns out to be a group of organizations working in concert, whichever one or ones are going to be in charge of