

What constitutional change do you want to make, if any? If you don't want to make the change to streamline the mechanism for changing the Constitution, they've already said this is what they're going to do. It's not just the threat or whatever of a constitutional convention and that has failed in state after state after state after state. People said, don't change the basic rules of the game here. This is what we all play by, this is what our country was founded on, this is put together by people and it's not perfect because it was put together by people, but it's put together by people who came from countries that they couldn't exist under their form of government, and it was a great experiment at that time, America's government was. And it was put together by people who understood what it was like to be in dictatorships or have no power of the people. It's a very dangerous thing I think to say that because we're not using it properly, that we're going to change it, or we're going to put a mechanism together that says that we're going to change it. And I know because our Governor is the one guy who stated at Pinehurst or wherever, I didn't go to the NCS...or the CSG conference in Pinehurst, but I was there when he became the president of CSG. He's up in the lead on this thing. There is absolutely no way he's not going to let this pass through the Legislature of the State of Nebraska. But I would ask that you please consider carefully what you are doing here, what you are asking of the people that you want to send to this conference, what you are telling them to do. If we're going to take the money and the time, if you're going to take the money and the time because I'm going to vote against it, if you're going to take the money and the time to do this, then what are you asking him to do? You're not asking him in this document to convene at a constitutional convention. I understand that. This amendment doesn't change that understanding or alleviate my fears or my concerns on what's going to happen at The Conference of States. All this does is say that we don't like the mechanism for changing the Constitution, we're going to streamline it, it's going to be the states. It's kind of like a states' power thing. You know they're going to go in there and they're going to start making some changes. Why can't they do that now? Why do they need to convene this convention? Why does the language have to be substantially the same...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...on a resolution in every state? Start asking yourself these questions, start asking Senator Kristensen some