

believe that what we put in this resolution is going to make that much difference to the ones who are in control of this and Nebraska has no control whatsoever. But when the whole thing gets out of control and goes in a direction that people would rather it not go in, at least when we did have it within our control to make a statement, we tailored that statement to say what we meant to give the position that we thought ought to be pursued and arrived at by this convention of states when they finally made a final determination. Everybody knows that whenever you reach a decision by way of voting, whichever side gets the most votes whether they get those votes by hook or by crook will prevail. The ones who are in the minority can produce a minority report whether they are authorized by this thing to do so or not, but those kind of things are not covered. You leave everything of substance to a steering committee and Senator Kristensen did give me a piece of paper that has a listing of the people who constitute the steering committee but I don't see anything, maybe I needed to read it more, I don't know how the steering committee was selected, but regardless of the manner in which they were selected, they are given an inordinate amount of power. The Constitution is the fundamental document on which all the laws of this country are based. There are many, many supreme court decisions construing the Constitution. Some of those decisions conflict, some overrule earlier opinions and that's the way it probably should be. But the Constitution itself in terms of its text except for specific amendments has not been modified that much. With what is being undertaken here you have the first step toward the calling of a constitutional convention. And not only that, you have...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...an instrumentality which is going to focus, to use Senator Beutler's words, on what that convention should emphasize. By doing this that you are proposing, you're going to create a structure, a steering committee, an organization which will set an agenda and be able more easily to have the calling of a constitutional convention. This that is being done is not happening in a vacuum, this that is being called upon to be done will not be the end of it. If it were, I wouldn't have the concern I have, those who are pushing for it would not be pushing so hard. There is a political agenda behind this and we know that because politicians are the ones who are in favor of it.