

convention, I know it's being called a Conference of the States, and that's, very likely, what it is. But if you start trying to find out how you call a constitutional convention, it says that the Legislature must make an application to Congress to do so. It doesn't say if all the Legislatures have to make the same application, it doesn't say that the language has to be such and such, it doesn't say that they have to make it within a certain period of time of each other, it's very vague in calling for...in the application language for calling for a constitutional convention in the actual Constitution. So just as a safeguard I would offer this amendment because I think this is a concern of a lot of individuals across the state, and I think it should be addressed and I think it should be discussed. And I don't think there is any big rush to get this resolution through without getting on record a lot of the concerns of myself and others across the state and others across the United States. This discussion is now going on in states all over the United States on this resolution and on the idea of this conference. And I don't think it's to harm the idea of the Conference of the States. I think it's to get a good discussion going. In fact I find it extremely interesting now that there is a tremendous discussion going on, on the Constitution of the United States. This is something that I think is good, this whole...this whole resolution and individuals who have stopped to ask some questions, the offshoot of that has been a good discussion going on all across Nebraska on the actual Constitution of the United States and on constitutional convention and on the Conference of States. So it's not...I hope it's not viewed as much as this is what I want to do and you're trying to stop me. I hope it's viewed more as an opportunity to discuss this resolution, the idea of a Conference of States, the idea of a constitutional convention, people's ideas of what they believe is an imbalance of power between the federal government and the states' governments and a good discussion here in Nebraska. But what my amendment simply does is say that they will not call for a constitutional convention during the convention or with the action plan, and it's an additional safeguard to Senator Kristensen's amendment which was just adopted saying that this does not constitute an application for a constitutional convention, which really, if you think about, just really helps my amendment because if we admit that this is not an application and we admit freely probably that none of us really know what constitutes an application for a constitutional convention, then it probably wouldn't hurt to put some language in this saying that once they get to wherever