

they're going their action plan that they put together will not be an application for a federal constitutional convention. And also the reforms that they are calling for will not include the calling of a federal constitutional convention. So I would hope that you would consider the adoption of this amendment, I think it will make this resolution better and I think it will allay some of the concerns of the people here in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. Let me pause just for a second and make a couple of announcements. First of all, Senator Hillman either has or did have a guest under the south balcony from Chadron State College, Steve Taylor. I don't know if Steve is still with us not. Steve, can you stand and be recognized, please. Also up until ten o'clock this morning the University Photo Department will be in the Senators Lounge taking pictures for the composite pictures in the senators row. For those of you who walked downstairs and have what looks like your high school graduation picture down in the composite picture, you may want to have that updated, so would urge you to take advantage of that. Senator Chambers, on the Witek amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Witek's amendment. And I don't see how it can do any harm at all. There are some other questions that I would like to raise with reference to the conference, to the resolution and to other aspects of the entire matter as we proceed. But at this point I'm going to limit my comments to what is before us. Senator Witek is correct in saying that nobody can state with specificity or authority how a convention is to be called and you can find numerous opinions on practically any clause in the Constitution. So it is always difficult in advance to say how any provision of the Constitution will be interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court, and that is the ultimate place where the meaning of the Constitution will be determined. The Constitution means what the U.S. Supreme Court says that it means. So any opinion we express is just that, an opinion. But when you look at some of the material put out in support of calling this Conference of the States, there is much discussion about proposing constitutional amendments, there is discussion about the sheer force that can be generated by the states coming together for a purpose such as this and that sheer force would impact on Congress. My main area of concern lies not in whether or not this group of states