

meeting will be converted into a constitutional convention, because I don't think that will happen. I have never said that was my concern. I have stated that I think this could be a precursor to something such as that. But if in fact there is no intent to use this conference as a vehicle to obtain a constitutional convention, and by the way I know that there are people supporting the calling of this Conference of the States who are very strongly against a constitutional convention called by any means, I see no problem with adopting the language that Senator Witek is offering. If the action plan is to be an application for the calling of a constitutional convention, then we have all been misled and deceived. If the purpose, as understood by the members of this Legislature, is not to engineer the calling of a constitutional convention, Senator Witek's language merely states and reflects that position. So unless there is a lot of opposition or some disagreement with reference to her proposed change, I will end my remarks at this point.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senator Witek.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I want to make sure that you took the Speaker's admonition. They tell me that the last picture they have of you is as a teenager in there. So I'm sure that you, and hopefully it will pick up the purple shirt this morning. But...and to start this debate off on a little lighter note this morning, because I think last time it got a little...a little heated and perhaps unnecessarily so, Senator Witek, I...you know, I should have thought of this, we should have called this the conference call of the states. Maybe that would have been a much better thing to do when...and being on the Transportation Committee we could have got a big conference call up and chatted about this. But second to that, I reluctantly rise to oppose this for one reason. And I think that it's...Senator Chambers touched on it, only in a different manner. Once the Conference of the States will meet and they will prepare that action plan, that action plan has to come back here for ratification. If this body sees and doesn't like what that action plan is, I'll guarantee you there will be a considerable amount of debate and probably would be rejected. And so from that extent I think it's real hard at the beginning to say, look, this isn't a call for a constitutional convention, that's something that we can do with our resolution and we've