

the federal government and the states, but the states don't want that. What they are doing is playing with a loaded gun. They think it's not loaded. They think that they have a revolver which has not one large...live cartridge in the cylinder or in the chamber, and they can point it at Congress and make a threat. But this could turn out to be a loaded weapon in the hands of people who are not able to deal with it because they don't even understand what it is. The reason I will support Senator Witek's amendment is so that the Nebraska Legislature, when asked to vote, will be showing what its perception of this process is designed to be. Although each state has one vote, and in a sense you could say Nebraska's vote therefore will carry the weight of New York's vote, when you tally them up that may be the case. But as far as influence on what this conference will come up with, Nebraska's influence will be next to nil. And when I say next to nil, I don't mean on the positive side, I mean on the minus side. Nebraska is not a state which commands respect in any field of endeavor besides football. And even in that area the ones who make it all possible are viewed as enemies by the people in this Legislature because they don't think those young men should get any compensation. So even in the area where Nebraska derives its notoriety from Nebraskans are backward, narrow-minded and unfair. So before I would vote in favor of a resolution of this kind, I want it to reflect what the members of this Legislature think this conference should be about and not a canned statement prepared by people, whom we do not know, for purposes which we cannot, with certainty, divine. All we can do as a Legislature is control, as much as possible, what we do. Other people may ridicule, laugh and scoff at what we put...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the resolution of agreement that we send. But it ought to at least be a declaration of our intent. If Senator Witek's amendment is rejected, I would not say that by itself makes this an unpalatable resolution if we make other changes to it. I simply say that this is like taking medicine and putting it in a capsule and it becomes easier to swallow.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek, there are no other lights on, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it's