

hard to improve on Senator Chambers' comments right now because that's exactly what I feel on this resolution. If...if you are in favor of the Conference of States resolution, and you're just going to take whatever language has been handed to the State of Nebraska on this, then you have no interest in this amendment. But if you have actually read LR 16 and understand that we are considering passing a resolution to call this Conference of States, we are electing delegates to that conference, they are going to discuss in their own words structural changes to the Constitution of the United States, then you should at least consider adopting this amendment which states that if they're going to discuss those that it doesn't state in their action plan that they're going to convene a constitutional convention, that it doesn't state in the reforms that they're going to call a constitutional convention. I've already read to you how uncertain this process is because it has never been used, in hundreds of years it's never been used. That's the whole reason that there is some confusion on this Conference of States and the constitutional convention because nobody sat down and said if you want to call a constitutional convention you shall do these things, outside of saying make an application to Congress, and at that point, if so many states make it that they will adopt it or we will ratify that constitutional amendment. That's the only thing that's in the Constitution, that's the only language. But all of this other stuff is not in there, so they're just kind of playing with a loaded gun, as Senator Chambers said. I passed out some comments from Governor Nelson and Mike Leavitt, who are the two Governors that are on top of this thing for the United States. Governor Nelson said, if Congress weren't to react to the petition of the states, which is the document that they're proposing come out of this conference, in any positive manner, a constitutional convention always is an option. Governor Nelson goes on to say, and probably would seem less extreme in the absence of any action by Congress, and it may not be so much as an implied threat, but an expressed threat. So you have the Governor of the state...of this state making an expressed threat to Congress saying, if you don't have some action on our petition of the states, we will call a constitutional convention, it's an option. And Mike Leavitt, here's Utah's Mike Leavitt, Mike Leavitt unveiled a proposal to gather support for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving states authority equal to the federal government. He took his plan for an informal states' conference and a possible constitutional convention to the Western States Summit in Phoenix. Leavitt wrote, this is his own writing, the