

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...do not...I've gone nine minutes already? Somebody else is keeping time, too. There is no way I would even want to see the states put on an equal footing with the federal government. The states are too parochial, they are too narrow-minded, they are too uninformed, they don't even have people who read about things that happen outside their state. They are not in a position to declare a meaningful opinion on national and certainly not international policy. What could this state add to the discussion of international finance? I want somebody to stand up and tell me how they can make the dollar stand stronger against the yen than it is right now. That's what I want somebody to do, and then they can show me, at least in one area, where the state's opinion is the equivalent of that of the federal government.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Kristensen, followed by Senators Witek and Chambers.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. Senator Witek's amendment, the last amendment I reluctantly told you I stood and opposed that. Senator Chambers' amendment is a more serious one and I think one that would hamstring and frustrate the Conference of the States, and maybe perhaps is a watershed amendment because it would be very damaging to what may occur here. But Senator Chambers has some points that if you can get past his amendment that he brings up that may be truthful, in fact were debated when the conference or the Council of State Governments met, that there was not unanimous agreement on this plan. I think Senator Chambers, just so I can set the record straight, of course, if you didn't have the word teenager when you were growing up, obviously misguided youth was designed for you. But you bring up some points about constitutional amendments. And in terms of are they good policy or are they not good policy, those are legitimate discussions. Should a state have the ability to sunset a federal law? That is worthy of discussion and there should be some...you should have two guarantees, one is that that amendment wouldn't go directly to Congress from this Conference of States when they meet this summer. I don't think we want that. I think the amendment that we passed on mine stops that from occurring. Let's just say...let's say the ultimate worst occurs. The worst amendment, let's say they