

but we think very much alike on this subject, it was amazing even to me to find out. But what kind of constitutional amendments are being proposed by this conference? Nobody knows, nobody knows what's going to be proposed and brought back for us for ratification. It won't be something as simple as abortion or civil rights, because they know that they'll never sell those in enough states to get something like that passed. What it will be, what they say it will be is a process amendment. If you read, on page 8 of all the information that was given to us by the Governor's Office, it states their intention to bring about process amendments. The process amendments that they are proposing, as Senator Chambers said, in one example is by Governor Bruce Babbitt, in 1980, was to say that an amendment would give states the right to petition two-thirds of the Legislatures to sunset any federal law, except those dealing with defense and foreign affairs. Two-thirds of the states would say that they were sunseting a federal law and it would be done, it would be done. These kinds of process amendments, saying that ratification for changes to the Constitution would only be by three-quarters of the states, they wouldn't have to petition Congress, they're doing that now, they're not petitioning Congress for this kind of thing and they're going to propose some amendment changes to the Constitution and they're going to bring it back. The only hitch right now is that Congress, they didn't petition them, so they didn't say they could have one, so they're not going to have the force of law as it would, or the force of changing the Constitution immediately, like it would under the correct process. But they would have definitely a force. And this is their stated intent. So if you think, like these individuals do, that there's some type of an imbalance in our Constitution that the states don't have enough opportunities to go against the federal government, then you're probably all in favor of doing this resolution and having this Conference of States. But if you think that the problem is not in the process, is not in the Constitution but rather in the people that have been using and abusing it in the court system who were also put there by people who we elected, that that's where the problem is, then the changes aren't to be made in the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...Constitution, the changes are to be made in the people that are elected. I don't think that I want to send a delegation of people from the State of Nebraska someplace to