

amend, to bring proposals forward to amend the Constitution, not in the simple ways and the obvious ways that Senator Kristensen has stated, but in the more subtle process amendments that they're talking about. They are talking about amending the United States Constitution, the process that we run, the rules that we run our government by, that were set up so many years ago, that have worked so well. If they don't want the mandates from the federal government, then give their money back and tell them we're not going to do it, no, take us to court, let's start pulling a little bit of that. I urged the Governor to do that on motor voter, say no, we don't want to do this, take us to court. This is what the states have to start doing, get together. The problem isn't with the Constitution, it's with the Governors of these states who continue with...who continue to comply with these mandates from the gov...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...from the federal government.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I was indicating why I don't think that the federal government and the states should be on an equal footing with reference to anything, and certainly not when it comes to amending the Constitution. That is the bedrock of the laws of this country. In the past I've made criticisms of the Constitution and specific provisions in it, and those criticisms stand. But helter-skelter, willy-nilly, here and there amending of the Constitution would be worse than what exists now. At least there is a history of what is in the Constitution. There have been cases decided, and we have an idea, those of us who don't like the way things are, of where the fight is. Those who like the way things are, know what it is they're going to try to defend. But it wouldn't take much in the way of whipping up hysteria, as has been done on so-called crime issues, to get a number of the states to play well in their own areas where the individuals want to get reelected to propose an amendment to the Constitution. We'd have some cock and bull item put together in Texas or Georgia or Mississippi or Alabama or Nebraska and sent around to the other states. Their Legislatures would jump on board, and before you know it the Constitution would have some crazy things in it and people would be saying, I didn't realize anybody would take it seriously, I thought our vote would just