

incorporate the Conference of the States. If it was just a meeting, why couldn't they just go to a meeting in the Council of State Governments or Council, NCSL, and have a bunch of those people decide that, you know put together a list of the things that bother them the most and come back to their legislatures and talk about it. If it was just a meeting, why do we have to have a formal resolution? Why don't you just put a date in and a place and say all the Governors in the states that want to be involved in this, and all the legislators who want to be involved in it, come here at this time and we will discuss this? None of that is what is being done. If it was just a meeting, it wouldn't call for the states' rights petition to be created. It isn't just a meeting. I think that is obvious to everyone who has been listening to the debate, that this isn't just another meeting. This is a group of people, from Council of State Governments, NCSL, other organizations, our Governor, the Governor in Utah, Governors' organization, getting together to specifically, by their own words, discuss amending the Constitution. They are going to...we are not stopping them from discussing them with this amendment. It doesn't say you can't discuss it. It says the action plan will not include proposals to amend the Constitution. It says that the reforms will not include proposals to amend the Constitution. We are just saying don't write down in your states' petition that you are going to present to Congress, which is exactly what they say they are going to do, present it to Congress at the end of this meeting, proposals to amend the Constitution, because this isn't the way the process is set up to amend the Constitution. There is a process that they can go through if they want to amend the Constitution. If Senator Kristensen feels that there is a problem with the Constitution of the United States, if Governor Nelson feels there is a problem with the Constitution of the United States, tell them to petition Congress for a constitutional convention, get the number of states that they need to have a constitutional convention, hold a constitutional convention, put your proposals together and bring them back for us to look at and discuss and ratify. Why can't they just be up front and honest about it? Why do they have to go through this whole nonsense of a Conference of States? This, to me, is some kind of...first of all, if it's not a humongous waste of time and money, I mean who is paying for this. If these people want to do this, are they paying for it themselves? No. They are getting money out of the Governor's budget, they are getting money out of the Legislature's budget. Are they taking staff people? Are they taking...who are they taking to this meeting?