

We don't have any of these answers. It's not just another meeting. We can go to an NCSL conference and discuss with the people at the NCSL conference all of the same things that we are discussing. It's a resolution that they are asking us to pass because they can't be up front enough and honest enough to go to Congress with a petition, an application from the states that are asking them to have a constitutional convention because people get up in arms when you talk about amending the Constitution of the United States. They get concerned, and rightfully so. As Senator Chambers says, this is the foundation of the United States Government, the United States. We are united, remember that. We are not a bunch of little separate states out there that have the equal power to the federal government. We are a United States. We are United States...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...of America. That's our Constitution. If you want to amend it, if you want to make process amendments, then go about it in the way that is open to you. It is there. Go about it in the way that we will know and understand that this is exactly what you are doing, and we will be able to vote accordingly. But you are not doing that. You are coming in with some new language on the Conference of States, that you are going to get together and possibly discuss some constitutional changes. We know that that's what you are doing with this. You know that's what you are doing with this. If it doesn't have any force of law, or it's not going to make any difference, or it is just another meeting, then just do this in a NCSL meeting, save us all a lot of time and money. That's what I have to say. I hope you will be voting for the Chambers amendment. It gets right to the heart of the concerns on this issue about amending the Constitution of the United States. It will be, to me, the most...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...important amendment on this.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Witek. I would like to pause before recognizing the next speaker and introduce 75 second graders from Rousseau Elementary School here in Lincoln. They are in the north balcony. They are guests of Senator Crosby. They also have with them Midge Reeder, Joanne Ward, and Barb Evans. Would you stand and be recognized please. Senator