

the...amendments to the Constitution to be brought back to the states, not specific ones like simple ones but process amendments. They want to change the process of the Constitution.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You can't...obviously, you can't change the Constitution without...in Article V of the Constitution, it protects, it has some protection built into it, and even if they bring back ideas, ideas are always brought back but that doesn't mean it is going to change the Constitution. It will mean that a constitutional convention can't be called unless three-fourths or two-thirds of the Congress votes for it, isn't that right? You understand the law.

SENATOR WITEK: I do understand that at this time, and I think, I think probably what they are doing is skipping the first, the petition to Congress, they are skipping that first step. They are going ahead and having a meeting, which is what a constitutional convention is, it is just a meeting. They are producing a document, which is exactly what they do in a constitutional convention, they produce a petition...

SENATOR VRTISKA: But doesn't that have to go back to the people anyway.

SENATOR WITEK: It has to go to the Legislature, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: That's right. So I guess I am having difficulty understanding, we do have those safeguards built in, obviously, by the Constitution, and regardless of what's taken up, it still has to be by a two-thirds majority of the Congress and a three-fourths majority of the, I guess that's right, of the states to meet and decide that it is important to change the Constitution or make those constitutional changes. So I am trying to figure out, and I'm not trying to argue with you, I am just trying to find out why it appears that you think that the whole purpose of this bill is to start the movement for a...I guess what I am hearing is a constitutional convention for the United States.

SENATOR WITEK: The whole purpose of this bill is to come together of the states to make a petition to petition Congress to make changes to the Constitution, process amendment changes, and with the mood...