

rode to travel before any constitutional convention can be even convened. It has the protection, in my opinion it has the protection of the United States Congress,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...as well as the Nebraska State Legislature. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers, there are no other lights on, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, and maybe what I say will kind of let Senator Vrtiska and others who wonder what it is that I'm talking about, might make it more clear. I am not saying that this meeting will be converted into a constitutional convention. I am not saying that it necessarily would lead to the convening of a constitutional convention. I am saying that language in the form of proposed constitutional amendment will be drafted. It will become a part of this petition, states' petition or action plan. It will come back to the Legislatures as the work product of the group to which they sent delegates, and it will have the force of that collective agreement, and I then believe it will be not too difficult to get a large number of State Legislatures to ratify that language, those proposals to amend the Constitution, and send them to Congress as proposals to amend the Constitution. Congress would then be more vulnerable to pressure to submit to adopt those proposals by the required supermajority, then send them back to the states for ratification as amendments to the Constitution, and since those proposals had originated with the states, it is very likely that the states would then go through the ratifying process and these ideas, which may have been hatched by a relatively few people at the Conference, who through the force of their personality, maybe they have better means of propagandizing the delegates, but at any rate, the Constitution would then be more vulnerable to amendment. That's what I'm looking at. I don't want to make it easier to amend the Constitution. Anything that goes in that direction I will do what I can to prevent it. On this floor, I've acknowledged that I only have one vote. I cannot stop this resolution. I am not trying to stop it, but I want my words that are in the record to be clear in terms of what it is that I object to and have concerns about, what I have disagreements with, and the efforts I put forth to change the resolution to