

of the States. The Conference of the States, as we have debated on previous occasions and as now amended, is not a constitutional convention. It is a process whereby the State of Nebraska would send representatives now selected by, I believe, the Speaker and approved by the Executive Board, who would go back, attend a meeting of incorporation and of a beginning to form this process this summer. They would then meet as a whole and discuss those provisions and those relationships between the states and the federal government. They would then, if they are so inclined, any changes that that group and the rules of the way that they would participate and act, would be determined by a vote of the people who do participate at that first meeting. They would then bring back to the states, if it is approved by that group of individuals and that group of states represented, a states action plan. That action plan would then have to come back to the legislatures, it would then be voted upon, and if a sufficient number of states would approve that action plan it would basically be a petition. The petition not having the legal impact that you and I know as a Nebraska law with our citizens and a petition, but basically the petition, in other words, of a document carrying forward a statement of what we believe should occur and what changes we think should occur with the relationship between the states and the federal government. If you enjoy the relationship that we have with Congress, I suppose that you should be somewhat hesitant. If you would like to see some changes or you at least like to see the states gather and begin to discuss this relationship, I think you should be all for this. This resolution has been amended in several forms and fashions to make more comfortable members of this body, and particularly the intent language has been drastically altered. We have changed and allowed for the participation of people other than the two major political parties and still attempting to keep some balance, and we also have made some changes as to what will be brought back for rules and so on and reported back to our Executive Board. With those amendments, Madam President, we are, at this point, discussing LR 16. And I think that Senator Chambers was just getting ready to rise to give a speech in support of LR 16 and tell us that he was going to vote for it. I anxiously await that speech. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Witek would move to amend the resolution, Madam President, with AM1128. (Witek amendment appears on page 1243