

filed this amendment, I had not seen this amendment until I got here this morning. I had drafted another amendment that's coming up, it's more of a process amendment as opposed to a specific amendment. I do not favor the idea of loading up LR 16 with a bunch of specific positions on a bunch of specific ideas, so I will not be voting for your amendment. But I do think that it's good that you're bringing this amendment forward to be discussed, and it would not be something that I'd like to see our delegation from Nebraska go on record as supporting. You're aware, I know other students of history are aware that this debate, about whether states ought to have the ability to nullify acts passed by Congress, was in fact a very active part of the discussion in the early days of our nation. We fought a Civil War over that issue, and that Civil War, hopefully, settled that issue. I do not think a group of us latter day politicians ought to be running into Philadelphia this year reopening this whole question of nullification, although it's not technically nullification that Governor Leavitt is talking about. I agree with you on the issue, that's the rationale I had for proposing this further amendment. I just don't think I'm going to vote to add specific positions on specific issues to this resolution. I do look forward to the rest of the debate and the rest of the discussion, however.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen, on the Witek amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. I rise to oppose this particular amendment. Although the amendment is premature, if you want to have this sort of discussion what you do is you have this amendment discussed when the plan comes back from the conference. In other words, what this amendment says is, look, why don't you go to this Conference of the States but you keep your hand over your mouth, and don't say anything about this issue. And then the next, if you follow this amendment, the next one will say, but don't talk about this amendment. Then the next amendment will be, well, now I don't want you talking about this amendment. And what's fun about this particular amendment is, is that we get to vote to nullify popular federal laws, but we don't get to vote to nullify the unpopular ones. And I'm not sure I know, Senator Witek, which one is popular and which one is unpopular. I'd probably trust your judgment of that. Senator Chambers, I don't trust your judgment on that. And I'd probably trust my judgment. But everybody is going to have a