

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I am not trying to hamstring the delegates that are sent to this Conference of States, I would not try to. What I would like to do though is, since there are six people who are going from this body, if this passes I should say, I still have a little bit of hope in there, there are six people going from this body, going to a Conference of States beginning a process, not a process that's outlined in the United States Constitution to change the Constitution, a brand new process that they're putting together, admitting, the two top Governors, both admitting in all this information that I'm getting from faxes, from letters all over the United States, admitting that their intentions are to change the Constitution of the United States. They're beginning that process to do so. I'm not saying don't talk to each other when you get there. I'm not saying don't discuss whatever you want to discuss. All I'm saying, in my amendment, and you can read it, it's right in front of you, is that our delegates will not be authorized to propose or approve of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to nullify an unpopular federal law. And the language that we used for this amendment came out of a Wall Street Journal article, dated March 6th, on legislatures seeking The Conference of States. And it said an item on the agenda could be a sunset provision that would allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to nullify an unpopular federal law. They're talking to Governor Nelson. So it's his language that we put into this amendment. This is his...his words as given to John Fialka, of The Wall Street Journal, who wrote this article, and I'm saying that if this is an item on his agenda and he is one of the two Governor's that are spearheading this, it's very likely that this will be on the agenda and that this is something that they will discuss. And if they do discuss it, all I'm saying is they won't approve that amendment, at that time anyway, to the Constitution of the United States. It's just something to alleviate some of my concerns, some of the concerns of the man; many, many people that are contacting me, contacting other state senators about this. And if Senator Kristensen believes that we have to wait until they come back from The Conference of States in order to discuss this, because he doesn't know if this is going to be discussed or not, he isn't reading the press, he isn't talking to Governor Nelson about what's on the agenda about...for The Conference of States, because everybody involved with it says this will be on the agenda of The Conference of States. So that being the case, I