

am reading it, I am understanding what they're trying to do. They are going about a whole new process to amend the Constitution of the United States. They are beginning a process to amend the Constitution of the United States. And to say that only a select group are opposed to this is very wrong, because as soon as you take the time to read through their press, their papers, you will understand the very serious nature of the process that they are beginning to undertake here. And if you are not concerned, it was your sworn oath to protect and defend the Constitution, this is something that every elected officials in the United States should have a concern about, should be aware of. When the Governor or our state comes to us and said he is going to begin a con...or a process to amend the Constitution of the United States, if we aren't taking this seriously, then you aren't being a responsible legislator, in my view. And I am taking this seriously and I am saying when they get together at this Conference of States I don't want them to approve an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to nullify an unpopular federal law. To me we did fight over this in the Civil War, that was exactly my thought, Senator Withem, when I first heard about this provision, this process amendment. I've never stood here and said i'm afraid this is going to turn into a...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...constitutional convention, but that's what they're trying to focus on in the press and say, oh, it's just this fringe group of people who are worried about this. I have always said my concern has been the adoption of a process amendment to change the Constitution of the United States. We did decide in the Civil War that there had to be one chief, one decision-making power in the United States, one final arbitrator of these decisions. And if we're going to change that now, I want to at least have, for the record, my opinion of that. I am opposed to that and I want to make sure that everybody, when they vote for or against this, gets on the record their opinions. If you're not going, if you're not one of those select few who are chosen to go to this, this is your opportunity to put on the record, before this process begins, your feelings on this. And there would be no problem in the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Time. Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator