

worked on a lot of those, trying to get some of the funding for those and knows how difficult that is. These are some of the quote, unquote, "unfunded mandates" that the states are complaining about that if you allow this constitutional...or this Conference of States to change the Constitution or to give us these proposals to discuss in our legislatures and to ratify, bringing back this petition to ratify these constitutional amendments, then what you're doing by voting for this resolution is starting that process in action. It's not the same process as described in the Constitution now, and they've admitted that,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...that they're not going by the book here, that they're starting a whole new process and they're putting together this States' Petition. But they are also admitting that they will include in that States' Petition a proposal to have two-thirds of the states nullify any federal law. And I don't want the delegates from Nebraska to vote for that or approve or propose that amendment. So I guess Senator Kristensen is protecting...or Governor Nelson because he's, in essence, already proposed a two-thirds of the states that can nullify any state (sic) law, he's done it in the paper, so I know he will be against this. But I hope some of the other senators will realize that this is a very reasonable request and that we are not sending a delegation there to amend the United States Constitution with this proposal, this process amendment. And that's all my amendment will do...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...is say that they are not authorized to propose or approve of an amendment that would say two-thirds of the state legislatures nullify any federal law. And it's a very serious amendment that they are proposing...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...on their agenda.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers, this is to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, if I'm the only one, Madam President,