

taken so much time on this, what the ramifications are going to be of this Conference of States, and this specific proposal that the people who are spearheading this, our Governor, Governor Leavitt, Council of State Governments, that those people are proposing to amend the Constitution of the United States, and they are saying one of the agenda items will be to amend the Constitution of the United States to allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to nullify any federal law. And Senator Wesely is very, very right on this. Then you have us taking up a lot of time changing the decisions of the Congress, and if this is the case, we'd have to be...I wrote, and I wrote a letter to our Congressmen and I said, I'm not going to be your back seat driver, this was on another issue on, and I think we've talked about it earlier, on the funding for public television, and I said I know you've got some tough decisions to make in budget issues in Washington, D.C. and you are trying to get some control over the spending, and I am not, as a state legislator in Nebraska, am not going to be your back seat driver on this, and so I did not vote for this resolution. We're...we're being asked to send a delegation to a Conference of States to decide to put this in a States' Petition to bring back to us to ratify a constitutional amendment to allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to do that on every issue, to have that kind of a discussion that we've had on those kinds of issues...on every, every issue they pass or every issue somebody wants to bring to our State Legislature. It would be very expensive and time consuming in and of themselves. I don't believe that that is the solution to the unfunded mandate problem. So I am asking you, there is absolutely no reason not to vote for this amendment. There is no reason, no good reason not to vote for this amendment. It doesn't bind anybody from talking about this. It just says that our delegation will not propose or approve of an amendment asking for this, so we will not be one of the votes that say go ahead and allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to nullify any federal law. It's...those of us who can't go to the...I am not saying absolutely out of ten that I am not going to be chosen, but I have a pretty good idea just like on the 41 votes that just went in or however many votes went into your amendment, I am not kidding myself that that's going to happen again here, and I am not telling myself that I'm going to this convention. But many of us, if only six are going, many of us will not be going and this is your opportunity to say how you feel on a very real proposal when our delegates go to The Conference of the States, and to give those six people direction, the majority opinion