

Constitution it says that if two-thirds of the states petition them, that they will give us a constitutional convention. After they get that okay from Congress, then they can go about ratifying whatever that amendment that was proposed, and if three-quarters of the states ratify within their legislatures that amendment, then that constitutional convention and that ratified constitutional amendment changes the Constitution of the United States. That's the process that is set out to the states. The Conference of States proposes a new process and they are saying that it is just that they are getting together for a meeting and they are going to discuss what the states can do, but they are also saying that they are putting together a States' Petition, and in the States' Petition, they will more than likely be requesting an amendment to the Constitution to say that they don't have to petition Congress, that they don't have to petition Congress, two-thirds of the states don't have to get together and petition Congress before they allow a constitutional convention. They are saying that three-quarters of the state legislatures, without the approval of Congress can amend the Constitution. So they are trying to do away with that portion of our Constitution that has, to me, a check and balance system in it saying that we have to have two-thirds of the state come together and petition Congress to ask for a constitutional convention and then three-quarters of the states would go about the process of trying to ratify whatever the request was. The Conference of States' proposal on their agenda, and those are in much of the press releases from Conference of States, and discussions with Governor Leavitt and Governor Nelson, and many of the articles that I've seen in newspapers and magazines across the country, will be proposing this amendment to the United States Constitution, and my amendment simply says that the delegates that Nebraska will be sending from our state will not be authorized to propose or approve that amendment. I imagine Senator Kristensen will be in opposition also to this. I am sure Governor Nelson is in opposition to it. He wants, they want the opportunity at The Conference of States to adopt, because this doesn't stop them from discussing it, he wants them to be able to adopt and approve this amendment to the Constitution of the United States. I do not want our delegates to be able to do so. If, if there is any amending done to the United States Constitution, I want it done within the law. I want it done within the process that they already have to amend the Constitution of the United States. I don't want it done by some new process that some of these people have cooked up to call a conference of the states and have the states petition and