

then come back to us and ratify, and convolute the process that has worked very well here in the United States. I want them to be more up front about it, go about it the way that it is supposed to be done, that they already have available to them, that they could be doing right now, and I'm simply asking with this amendment that our delegates will not be able to approve this type of an amendment when they are at The Conference of States. Again, it is just instructing them as to the feelings of this Legislature on how the majority of people who are not there feel about changing the United States Constitution to allow three-quarters of the state legislatures to amend the Constitution without approval from the U.S. Congress. These proposals are very serious structural changes to the United States Constitution, and I hope that we are at least going to give them the discussion here on the floor that they deserve, knowing that once they get into this Conference of States meeting that will be historic, a lot of pressures, as Senator Chambers has pointed out, and some push, of course, because our Governor is at the lead of all of this, definitely some pressure to approve the amendments that our Governor has already said to everybody out there that he wants, that this is on their agenda. So I hope our delegates, I hope we can help the delegation that we might be sending, if this Conference of States is approved, by telling them with this amendment that we are not going to force them to approve or propose, and that we are not authorizing, by sending delegates, that we are not authorizing them to amend the Constitution. And, again, I would ask for your support of this amendment. It's similar to the last amendment. It's one of those process amendments that is being proposed, and I think that we should at least have on record the feelings of the Nebraska Legislature, so when our delegates go there, they will know how the majority of this body feels. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Witek. Senator Chambers, on the Witek amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I support this amendment too, and we are going to have the opportunity to discuss it, but to try to put in context my remarks. I am going to refer to another sheet that I sent around to you, and it's labeled in the lower right-hand corner, upper case A, then circled the number 2, and the heading is Conference of the States, Proposed by the Council of State Governments, then, Pictorial Summary. If you look at Step 2, it says, "When