

a significant majority of states have passed the Resolution of Participation, the Council of State Governments will convene bipartisan incorporators appointed by legislative leadership in the participating states." That significant majority, based on the resolution, is 26 states. Then when you get down to Step 5, it says, "The States' Petition is carried back by delegates to their respective state legislatures for approval. States' Petition items which involve constitutional amendments require approval of a constitutional majority of state legislatures." Why does it require a constitutional majority of state legislatures if the intent is not to put in the form when submitted as an amendment to the Constitution? I'd like to ask Senator Kristensen a question. Senator Kristensen,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...when it said, uses the words "constitutional majority" are they referring...I don't think they are referring to a State Constitution,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'm sure not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, why do they require a constitutional majority of the state legislatures to approve of one of these proposed constitutional amendments?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator, I suppose that that majority or that number shows that there is a great interest for doing something like that. It'd be similar to when we had the old rule that you could adopt an amendment with only a majority of those people voting, it didn't do you any good, you could put anything in then, but if, to ultimately adopt, let's say, the committee amendments, you still needed 25 people, what good did it do? So I think what is done is it is just showing a higher number. Because that is a more significant event, you should have a more significant number of states voting to do that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, now I...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I don't think it has any legal impact. I think it just shows that it has got a higher significance.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I hope the members will pay attention to this