

next question and Senator Kristensen's answer.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Is this a trick question, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not intended to be.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Twenty-six states signing this resolution or some form of it will result in the convening of the conference within 270 something days of that 26th state ratifying, is that true?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, whatever those numbers are that's...I think that's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So if no more than 26 agree to participate, how will you ever get the constitutionally required number of states to agree to keep a proposed constitutional amendment as a part of the States' Petition when fewer than that many states participated?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I think it would probably be very difficult.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if fewer than the constitutionally required number to ratify a constitutional amendment would participate, then we wouldn't have to worry about any pro...let me ask in a different way. This petition comes back to the various legislatures, and in order to keep any proposed constitutional amendment as a part of that Constitution,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...at least 38 states would have to agree to it, is that correct, which would be the number to amend the Constitution?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That is on the ratification of the amendment, right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if you don't get 38 legislatures to agree to that, then it doesn't even stay a part of the petition, does it, based on this?