

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, the only reason I am hesitating is that, remember, it takes two-thirds to call a convention. I don't know whether that constitutional majority means the number to call a convention, that's the constitutional majority, or whether they are talking about ratification. You see what...you see my only hesitation. Let's use your example because it doesn't matter which number, whether it is 34 or 38, it doesn't make any difference.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, okay, you have shown an ambiguity, but if that number, whichever of the two it would happen to be, is not reached, that proposition would be dropped from the petition?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, the only...the only difference I could ever see would be that if a state would take that States' Petition...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...without sending something to the Conference of States, let's say Kansas didn't do that, and they thought that was a great idea and they took it to their legislature because they wanted to be a part of it, I don't know if that is even possible, Senator. I just...it is something that occurred to me as we have been discussing, so I don't know if that is true or not.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Madam President and members of the body, as one of the cointroducers of this resolution, again I would stand in opposition of this amendment for the same reason I stood in opposition to the last, and that is I don't think we ought to be debating, holding The Conference of the States here on the floor of the Legislature, and predetermining what ideas can be discussed, and which ones cannot be discussed. The way Senator Witek proposed...proposed the idea, as she understands it, I would agree with her, it is not a good idea. I have had some discussions with an individual out in the lobby who is working on this conference of states, and I am not so sure if maybe there isn't something about this that would improve the process of amending the United States Constitution because there are a lot of ambiguities of exactly how the state-initiated process works today and maybe that ought to be clarified. I