

don't know, but that's an abstract sort of concept. I would prefer that this Conference of the States spend its time dealing with more substantive issues of how the federal government, the state government can work together within the existing constitutional structure. But, again, I come back to I don't think we ought to be adopting amendments here that tell us how to...what we can support and what we cannot support. Again, I do have a process resolution amendment coming up that I'd like you to consider, but at that would just indicate that I do not have any further comments to make on this other than I will be opposing it. Senator Kristensen, I think the time cut you off last time. Were you...did you have any further points you wanted to make in response to Senator Chambers' remarks. If so, you can use the remainder of my time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Withem, I would like to use your time.

SENATOR CROSBY: You have about three, a little over three minutes.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. And, Senator Chambers, your dialogue, I prefer to use it on your time and the way you phrase the question, it would be a lot easier. I just want to take this opportunity to stress that I do seriously oppose this amendment. Again, you are going to go and basically tell these people, look, here's what we are not going to do. This ought to be a free flow of debate, and consideration, and whatever comes out of it, obviously, you've still got the protection of bringing it back to this state, and if we don't want to do it, we will put thumbs down and it will go home in a box. If it is something this Legislature wants to do, it will probably be seriously and strenuously debated, and it may be approved, but to presuppose ahead of time that this is something we do or don't want to do I think is not good policy. It is a convenient form for a few of our members who don't like the administration to take a few pokes at them, and that is fine. There are other members who seriously want to examine the record and put things in and who want to discuss the process, because really that is what we are talking about here is the process. And to that extent, I have no problem. That's the reason we haven't called the question and so on is to allow that record to be filled and for people to ask those questions, and I certainly think that if you adopt this amendment, you've destroyed what one of the main purposes and one of the flexibilities of The