

Conference of States would be, and I would certainly hope that you would see that, and I would like to move to Senator Withem's amendment. I have now had the opportunity to do that and I do support his amendment, I have had a couple of hours to read it and think about it, and with that, I would oppose the Witek amendment and would hope the rest of the body would see fit to do so.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I wish there were some way that a substantial number of my colleagues would pay attention to what Senator Witek is offering and maybe less attention to the fact that it is Senator Witek, who is offering it. This is a valid position that she is presenting to us. See, even on occasion, you all will vote for something that even I offer, when you get past the fact that I am the one who offered it. But on this sheet that I handed around to you, if you look at Step 6, and this material that I am giving you came from the Governor, your Governor, who is one of the coconspirators, along with Governor Leavitt, in bringing this together. They put this together, not me. In Step 6, "The States' Petition is presented to Congress. Ignoring a constitutional majority of states would signal an arrogance on the part of Congress, an arrogance the states and the American people would find intolerable." The intent is to have this thing take on a life of its own and become a basis to go after Congress to try to get them to convene a constitutional convention, or to propose these amendments themselves. But I have...I have had given to me a copy of U.S. Senate Resolution 92, offered by Mr. Brown, for himself, and Mr. Helms, I think they mean Jesse, Jesse Helms from wherever he comes from, and the purpose of this, that has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee, is that Congress hereby petitions the several states of the United States of America to convene a Conference of the States for the expressed and exclusive purpose of drafting an amendment to the Constitution of the United States requiring a balanced budget and prohibiting the imposition of unfunded mandates on the states, and that such states then consider whether it is necessary for the states to convene a constitutional convention pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the United States in order to adopt such amendment. They want the states, as a result of a conference of the states, to consider taking steps to convene a constitutional