

is that whenever three-fourths of the legislatures of several states approve a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the proposed amendment is valid as part of the Constitution of the United States unless disapproved by two-thirds of both the Houses of Congress within 2 years after the 34th state approves the proposed amendment. Each state has the power to rescind its approval of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States only after 34 states approve the proposed amendment. This is already...this is not a far-fetched idea here. This is something that both Governor Leavitt and Governor Nelson have said is going to be on the agenda. Governor Leavitt says it is going to be the first thing on the agenda. Nevada has already proposed the resolution calling for, essentially, the exact same change to the United States Constitution. So this is something that I believe will be voted on at The Conference of States by our delegates. There are already two ways to amend the Constitution of the United States. Article V says, in the Constitution, that the first way is by two-thirds vote of both Houses of Congress; the second way is upon application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states to Congress to call a constitutional convention. There is no ifs, ands, or buts; if two-thirds of the states want it, Congress gives it to them and they come up with a proposal. So there is already ways to amend the Constitution. The Conference of States is calling for a third way to amend the Constitution of the United States, a state-initiated way to amend the Constitution of the United States. These are tremendous changes, tremendous process changes that we are being asked to consider at The Conference of States and put into a States' Petition, and they will eventually come back here to Nebraska to be ratified. And these are being asked by the same Governor that we will have next year when they come back with...asking for ratification, the same Governor who could just about offer anything and everything to get those 25 votes on the floor here. So I'm just saying to make serious consideration before you are starting this process, this different process that they are coming up with to propose a third way to amend the Constitution of the United States, that you consider that the same individual who heads...who is heading up The Conference of States, the same individual who has contacted many of you this past few weeks, the same individual who was in Washington this weekend with all the rest of the people there with The Conference of States trying to make sure that it doesn't fail in any more states, it has already failed in seven, the same individual who has to absolutely, I mean really he is out there, his reputation is on