

don't need to ask him these questions, so if he can hear and he wants to comment, he can. Starting in line 14 is a provision related to how proposed constitutional amendments would be dealt with, and beginning in line 18, it lets us know that there must be a separate vote on that measure. Then quoting "that a proposed constitutional amendment must receive at least a two-thirds affirmative vote of those states attending the conference, and that those states supporting a proposed constitutional amendment must represent at least a majority of all states making up the United States of America." So that would mean at least 26 states, and before this conference will be convened, 26 Legislatures must agree to this resolution. So we would have to have at least two-thirds of 26. Oh, Senator Withem is back. Senator Withem is that about seventeen and a half or eighteen.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Two thirds of 26. First of all, we would need a majority of the states,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: No...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which would be at least 26 states?

SPEAKER WITHEM: What, mathematically the way you would do this, you would multiply two-thirds times the number of states that were there to seek ratification by including the constitutional amendment within the petition. If that number, let's assume that there are 30...let's assume that there are 42 states there.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Being optimistic, okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, two-thirds of those would have to approve and right off hand, and my math isn't quick enough to tell you what two-thirds of 42 is, but whatever. That number would have to approve, provided that number was more than 26. If only 30 states are there, and 20 of them support it, that is two-thirds of 30, but it is not up to 26. So the 20 wouldn't be enough under...if this rule were adopted as part of what the convention was going to...the conference was going to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Withem, all that it takes is at least a majority of all states making up the United States of America, so that could be 26 states attending. We could have as