

few as 26 states.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And...

SPEAKER WITHEM: And if that were the case, all 26 would have to support it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't get that out of it. Let me read it again. Should I start in line 18, that a proposed constitutional amendment must receive at least 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, oh, okay, of all states making up the United States of America. So if...the number supporting would have to be at least 26?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Correct. And I turned my light on so that we can work through this, and then I will yield my time back to you. If I could go through this, let's assume there are 42 states.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Two thirds of that is 28.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SPEAKER WITHEM: So it would require 28 to adopt it because it has to meet those two-thirds, and that two-thirds has to be also a majority of the states. So if we have a scarcely populated Conference of the States where only 26 appear, then all 26 of those are going to have to approve.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Got you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, is that clear then?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: If we have 30 attend, then 20 would have to approve to make it two-thirds, but we look and see again that is