

states in this area has led to some consequences that aren't always positive. And gambling is another area where we allow flexibility by the states and there states have added gambling, neighboring states have felt the pressure to respond. So the ability of states to act and take leadership roles on various issues I think is, obviously, one, as a state legislator, you always have a predisposition to support but we also have to think about the consequences sometimes that result from that, and I guess, again, I support...I support the Withem amendment, I support the resolution, but the concerns that are being expressed are appropriate and ones that we should take to heart.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President. I just had one question of Senator Withem, if I might.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Withem, in reading the end of this, I notice that it was the Nebraska delegation would support this and would provide the information to the steering committee, does that mean that they would adopt it, or does it mean that they could ignore it, or what does it really mean?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, it means they could adopt it or they could ignore it, quite frankly.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But at least it is a position that you are taking for...

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is a position we would have that we would send to...and we have a Governor who is on the rules committee, and I think we have some connections with those individuals who are drafting the rules for this, so I would hope that it would be taken very seriously by us, and I have reason to believe that it would be from some of the discussions I have had.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, I just wanted to make sure that that was a part of the record and we all understand that this really is a suggestion that is coming from us but certainly it carries some weight.