

damage from your perspective, not necessarily from everybody else's. I agree with that, I think it's a good idea to terminate this organization after it completes its work. The reason I say 120 days after they adjourn and back to this Conference of the States handout that you passed out, The Conference of the States holds its meeting, then it goes through these additional steps. And really it's work is completed only once this petition to Congress is actually presented. And so I think that ought to be the time by which we say that it has completed its work, 120 days after that we're done with it, hopefully the other states are done with it and they all go home also. My only disagreement with you would be whether it ought to be at the conclusion of step three up here, after they've had their meeting, or whether it ought to be after the whole process has worked its way through. That's the thrust of my amendment. Obviously, you're free to...I didn't have a chance to visit with you before I proposed it, so you're perfectly free to embrace it, tell me what a wonderful idea I've come up with and praise me greatly on the floor, or to reject it and talk about what a horrible idea it is. It's my attempt though to not do damage to the process by your amendment but what I...to hone in on what I see as your concern that this organization might continue in perpetuity, and I agree with you, I don't want it to do that. Senator Kristensen, the same with you. I don't know whether you think it's a good idea or a bad idea. It's this time of the afternoon I'm throwing up ideas, hopefully will resolve issues, and I think maybe this would do so. I've completed.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen, on the Withem amendment to the Chambers amendment. Senator Kristensen waives off. Senator Beutler, on the Withem amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, if I may, I'm trying to understand your amendment. After...your amendment would say that 120 days after the petition of the states has been submitted to the Congress?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I don't say 120 days, Senator Chambers says 120 days. All I'm doing is changing the termination of the...the item that would trigger our termination from being the...the adjournment of the initial meeting to when their full work is wrapped up.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so yours has no time limit at all in