

terms of the number of days after an event, but it is (inaudible).

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers' 120 days remains, I'm not changing his 120 days.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so it's...it terminates 100...then under the amendment as it would read with your amendment, it would terminate 120 days after the petition of the states has been submitted to the Congress?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Correct, because that is the culmination of the work of The Conference of States.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, let me ask you a couple more questions then, and I intended to ask Senator Kristensen, but I don't see him at the moment. And this amendment really starts to deal with some questions that I had...that had been unresolved in my mind with respect to what a conference is. I mean sometimes I think most of the time we think of a conference as a meeting that you go to, but it could also be conceived as a series of meetings all taken as one activity, or it might have the meaning of a continual reoccurring series of meetings without definite end. And these amendments now seem to indicate that everybody thinks that this will have a definite end. And so...but if it's 120 days after the state presents its petition, or how does it read exactly, Senator, could you read it to me. One hundred and twenty days after...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well, it would read exactly, if my amendment is adopted, it would say, the membership of the Nebraska Legislature, in The Conference of the States, Inc., so that's the organization not a meeting that we're talking about, Conference of the States, Inc., shall terminate 120 days after the...after the presentation of the States' Petition to Congress. I have a little drafting error in here, but that would be an E & R change; 120 days after the presentation of the States' Petition to Congress.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and if...if the Congress did not react to the petition, could our delegation to the conference meet again in the conference, in that 120-day period and take further action?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I think those would be depending upon what the