

conference itself has adjourned is not what I object to, it's the amount of time that could be involved, based on the way his amendment is drafted. One hundred twenty days would give four months for Nebraska to be a part of this corporation. There is nothing, nothing in the resolution which says that a state has to be a part of this corporation in order to vote on these propositions that are contained in this States' Petition. So why does Nebraska have to remain a part of the corporation when the only action to be taken is not to be taken by the corporation but by the Legislature as a Legislature? The Legislature reviews these proposals, decides which ones will be accepted and which ones rejected. There is no need for Nebraska to be a part of this corporation, nor for the corporation to even continue to exist. Let them have their steering committee come back into play only for the purpose of transmittal, unless they, in fact, have this hidden agenda, which I believe they have, not Senator Withem, not Senator Kristensen, but the big boys, the kind that would be a part of Tammany Hall. There was a guy named Mark Hanna who was smooth as goose grease, everybody knows about P.J. Morgan and Boss Tweed and those people, but a lot may not be familiar with Mark Hanna, but I'm not going to bring us up to date on him. The only thing I'm saying is that there are very cunning, savvy people out there who know how to get things done by indirection, misusing well-intentioned but not totally informed people. They get the person in the snare, and then when the snare snaps and catches the person, or if it's a net it closes, the person cannot extricate himself or herself, and whatever benefit to the movement their name will give has been given whether they want it that way or not. So I see no need for Nebraska to continue as a member of this corporation for a period longer than 120 days after the adjournment of this conference, and by conference, I'm referring now to the meeting that will take place in the fall of this year, based on everybody's reckoning. So if the conference convenes in October and they recess for 30 days to do some other work and then reconvene, the recess is not an adjournment. But at whatever point they reach an adjournment, the clock begins to tick and 120 days after that date Nebraska's membership in The Conference of the States, Inc. terminates. That's what my amendment would do. I think it's very reasonable and it would also serve notice that there is no intent to create a new bureaucracy, an extra governmental bureaucracy in the sense of being outside of government. This organization does not consist of people elected by voters to serve...