

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...you'll find that some of those things are...are included where he's got to come back to the Exec...or the Executive Board for some ratification, basically. So it's already really in this...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...resolution.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Chambers, let me address a couple of questions to you maybe. And I know this is going to sound like terrible nitpicking to a...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, that's all right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...lot of people, but I...I continue to suffer some confusion as to what we're participating in. And it says that The Conference of the States shall be convened under nonprofit status in cooperation with all these different units, and it's going to be done no later than a certain number of days after 26 legislatures have adopted a resolution of participation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-huh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's...how do you interpret that? That's a resolution of participation in the legal entity, or that's a resolution of participation in whatever activities are authorized and sponsored by this particular organization?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Beutler, not having helped draft that, I can only give you what I think. One reason I offered the amendment I did is because my understanding, from reading it, and I could be wrong, is that if you sign...if you send in one of these resolutions, not only do you participate in the conference and you can vote, but you are a member of the corporation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, let me address the question to you, if I may. And do I need to repeat the question?

SPEAKER WITHEM: You do.