

SENATOR BEUTLER: The question is this, in the resolution itself it indicates that The Conference of the States will be convened under a nonprofit status in cooperation with certain entities. Then it goes on to say that no later than a certain time period after 26 legislators (sic) have adopted a resolution of participation the meeting will be convened. The resolution of participation, is that authorizing our participation in the legal entity, or is that authorizing our participation in an activity, i.e., a meeting of people that will be sponsored by the legal entity?

SPEAKER WITHEM: I'm not sure, to be honest with you I was not involved in the drafting of this legislation. Don't know if Senator Kristensen is available. I don't know if this language would constitute a formal...because the only reference to the corporation is paragraph three, and I don't know if that constitutes formal participation in this organization, because it says that this will be created, but I don't see anything here that says we'll be a part of it. I'm sorry, I cannot answer...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...your question in a legal sense.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let me just say, Senator Chambers, that I'm still concerned about the fact that your amendment says The Conference of the States, Inc., because there is no such thing as that currently. And so I don't know what it has a reference to, although I'm obviously aware that you're referring to the nonprofit corporation that will be set up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In...

SENATOR BEUTLER: But then again if we're not participating in that, what participation are you terminating? And if you...if there two kinds of participation, does your amendment successfully end our participation in both the legal entity and in any activity sponsored by that legal entity that might be known as The Conference of the States?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Beutler, I got the name of the corporation from the material handed out by those who were pulling this together, and it's why I was asking Senator Kristensen about things that are absent from the resolution but are mentioned in the accompanying documentation we were sent.