

majority of the states to do something but fewer than a constitutional majority of the states can run the operation and comprise the corporation. Why have a corporation consisting of 10 members if it takes 20 members to do anything? What kind of sense does that make? But that's what you all are going to vote for because it was given to you and you've been given your marching orders. Twenty-six states will call into being this corporation, but for certain of its acts to be taken a constitutional majority of states is required. So if you never reach whatever that constitutional majority is,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in terms of numbers, the organization that you have can't do anything. So why don't they take the cart from in front of the horse, since horses usually pull instead of push, put the horse in front of the cart and operate that way. Why don't they first make sure they have enough members to do the acts that they want the organization to do. But that's not necessary because people have contempt for legislatures. They just threw something together, throw it in front of the legislators and the legislators will adopt it, as will happen in this case. But I will not vote for it. And I want the record to be clear that we discussed all these points and the legislators voted for it anyway, without understanding it, without knowing what's in the resolution, without having questions answered and without being themselves able to answer those questions.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Bernard-Stevens and members of the body, I'm going to be voting in favor of Senator Chambers' motion to indefinitely postpone this resolution. I passed out a paper showing everyone which states have already defeated this resolution. There are six on the Council of State Governments request. I received a fax, last night, from an individual who's been watching this, telling me that Mississippi killed The Conference of the States resolution, so there is either six, possibly seven states that have already done so. I've been told by people who went to Washington, this last weekend, that many of the states are sitting on their resolutions, they're not taking any action whatsoever on their resolutions. There were 12 states that early on passed the resolution, before, I think,