

flash. And a lot of people think that. But then when you really get down to it, it isn't just flash, it isn't just an opportunity to have Governor Nelson's name go global or give Nebraska...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...a place on the global map, it's a serious consideration. These people are considering amending the Constitution of the United States, don't kid yourself that they're not, this is what they're after. And if you want to do that, if you want to make those changes, then you'll vote for this constitutional...or Conference of States. If you don't want to start that process, then vote for this motion to indefinitely postpone and wait until we have more information. And if you want to come back in a year with the answers to a lot of these questions and already have some of them in front of me when I make this vote and make an informed vote on it, then I'll consider it again. But right now there aren't enough answers to the questions out there. And I see no need to rush on this, and I say let's vote to indefinitely postpone it, let's continue to look at it until Nebraska is satisfied with the answers, and then you can reintroduce a resolution to join this, if you still want to do so. Thank you.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm so weary of this discussion that I'm almost afraid to ask one more question, but I really, with the defeat of the Chambers amendment, would like to ask Senator Kristensen or Senator Withem, have they abandoned us? One more question, because I really don't understand now the authority in terms of a time sequence that we are giving to this delegation that's representing us at the conference, whatever conference means, and I still believe that the way that this is worded, conference could mean one meeting, or it could mean a series of meetings, or it could mean an ongoing organization, if the reference is truly to the nonprofit corporation that's being set up and our participation in the nonprofit corporation. And I've gone back and forth on this particular issue. I think, like most of us in here, we think that the federal government has done poorly in a number of areas, especially in controlling its own budget and in terms of pushing off expenses on to the states and in terms of not supplying sufficient flexibility to the