

SENATOR BEUTLER: Ignore it, okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Which is probably more likely, right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So at that point then, what the group would have to do is to either together or separately propose by resolution in front of this Legislature that one or more of those proposed constitutional amendments be part of a constitutional convention, or do you just have a resolution calling a constitutional convention? How does that work a little bit? I am sorry I am so ignorant on it.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, no, because, obviously, there are no answers to this because that process has never ever been done. Every state in the Union has at least at one time or another had a petition calling for a constitutional convention. It takes, and if said three-fourths I meant two-thirds, two-thirds of the states could petition or request Congress to call a constitutional convention. Now Nebraska has done that in 1901, 1903, 1911, 1949, 1965, 1978, 1979, the state has done that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Can you limit that call for a constitutional convention to the subject of the call?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No one knows. It has never been done. Scholars...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Constitution, see, what I am worried about is that this group is going to get focused to a constitutional amendment, which may be good or may be bad, I don't know.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I understand.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But it will give focus, and then the next step, conceivably, is to come back to all the various legislatures and say, we propose calling a constitutional convention for the limited purpose of X, or X and Y, or X,Y, and Z, those being the rejected items, rejected by the national or ignored by the national government, items identified by the Conference of the States.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Of course, that process exists today. That opportunity exists today and it has never been done to date. And, quite frankly, I think the people who have...this body, I would be uncomfortable, I think this body as a whole would