

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the first place. There are too many times when people take their understanding of historical events and documents from what they see on television or popular novels or newspaper columns written and put together by people who don't take the time to understand the history, but there are others who do. There are others who know that legislatures are inattentive and they will agree to something like this because they don't understand what they are doing and don't care because it's an opportunity for a junket and there will develop a small coterie of people who have an agenda and they will control this whole thing and their agenda will prevail. Then people will trot back to Nebraska and they'll say, we were outvoted, we didn't know that would happen and they tricked us. I want my comments to be on record before the event to demonstrate the efforts that I and others put forth to try to some extent to protect and shield this state...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I hope people were listening to Senator Chambers. I couldn't agree with him more on what I believe that this will turn out to be. People are saying, well, what is wrong with this? What are your objections to this? I guess I won't urge people, if it would make any difference, to vote against the Kristensen amendment because it does give at least one safeguard that they won't come back and have a constitutional convention, but it's a very little one and it doesn't address any of the other concerns. If this isn't going to accomplish much, then why are we doing it? If it's not going to accomplish anything beyond what we can already accomplish, then why are we doing this? If we already have all the mechanisms in place to do, you know, we can write letters, we can say we're state senators, we can pass a resolution saying like we did, you know, that we're opposed to mandates, we can go with the mandate stuff that's already in there, we can do all these things, then why are we doing this? If a bunch of states have already ratified the sovereignty resolution, you know which doesn't do a whole lot, but it does say, you know, pay attention to the Constitution, then why are we doing this? Who in the Council of State Governments is putting this together? Who wrote the language? Who is paying for it? Why is it being done? What changes are going to be proposed and brought back?