

an application for the states for calling of a constitutional convention. And then the second part of my amendment on page 4, line 19, after line 19, after "reforms" we put in, "and not include the calling of a federal constitutional convention within the meaning of Article V of the Constitution of the United States". So Senator Kristensen's amendment more or less said this is...this LR 16 is not an application for the...for calling for a constitutional convention which is a good safeguard to have in here in any case. But my amendment states that once individuals are at the constitutional convention, or when they're drawing up the action plan for this...I mean for the Conference of States, and when they're drawing up the action plan for this Conference of States that they're...that nothing in the action plan will call for the application of a constitutional convention, that nothing in their reforms that they are talking about, because part of the biggest problem I have with this whole LR 16 is it's vagueness. We're having people come to us saying, we have to get together with the states from all over the country and discuss the imbalance of power between the federal government and the states' government. To me my first reaction to this was just, well, this...when I first heard this in the committee hearing it was just like why are we spending all this extra money and all this extra time, and I don't know who's going, the Governor, six legislators, are we sending staff people, where's the money coming from, all of these things were going through my mind? And what is the reason, what is the need for it? Can't we just get...get together at an NCSL meeting, or CSG meeting, or can't we just call each other on the phone and have a conference call, or can't we do any of these other things? I...so the formalization of this LR 16 and this meeting raised a lot of questions. And when I started looking for answers to those questions and even asking Senator Kristensen and others, there weren't a whole lot of answers even then on what actually is going to occur when they get to this meeting. What actually, other than the...the language in this resolution, it seems like people outside of Nebraska are going to be setting up some kind of an action plan. They're calling for reforms, but they're not saying specifically what reforms, at least some of them aren't. So what I would like to do with the adoption of this amendment is just to say that there is no time during this convention, there is no...there is no reform that they can put together that will call, at that time, for a constitutional convention within the meaning of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, because if you think about...I know this is not a constitutional