

with that, is there is a definite process here with The Conference of the States where they will meet, they will formulate ideas, those will come back to the states, the states will discuss those and have a vote on whether they are good ideas or bad ideas. Then it will go back and become part of the petition.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Once it becomes part of the petition it will still have to, assuming that the Congress of the United States is not going to refer these ideas as...as constitutional amendments, it will still have to come back to this body probably twice or to state legislatures, anyway, twice before it will become part of the Constitution. It will have to be formally proposed as a constitutional amendment, and then if three-fourths of the states do it, there will be a convention, then the idea could come back again. I think that that process is probably sufficient for us to keep bad ideas from coming forward. So again I still think the concept of The Conference of the State is a good idea. I would like to see this process amendment that I have adopted though, and I would feel more comfortable with the process at that time. Thank you for my time. Hopefully, next time I'll try not to say so many things so I might be able to be clearer on each one that I do comment on. But at this point I still will not be voting for the...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...Witek amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before the next speaker, I'd like to call the Legislatures' attention, as a guest of Senator Schrock today is Tom Thomas, who is Mayor of Orleans, Nebraska. He's under the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being with us. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I am in favor of the Chambers amendment and I hope that everyone will vote for that, even if they feel the way that Senator Withem does, that they won't vote for the Witek amendment. It is a good change and it's more specific. And Senator Chambers, along with that change, brings up some really interesting comments on the actual workings of the conference and the actual impact of