

March 22, 1995

LB 102, 386, 565, 632, 718, 773, 816, 838
LR 6, 16

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment fails. I will raise the call. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I do, Madam President. Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB 386 as correctly engrossed. Senator Dierks has amendments to LB 718 to be printed; Senator Beutler to LR 6CA. Banking Committee reports LB 838 to General File with amendments; LB 102 indefinitely postponed, LB 565, LB 632, LB 773, LB 816 indefinitely postponed. And I have a confirmation hearing report from the Banking Committee.

Senator Withem would move to amend the bill, Madam President, the resolution, excuse me. (See AM1154 to LR 16 on page 1260 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem. Senator Withem, to open on your amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: This is AM1154? I guess that is what it says up there that that's what it is. Madam President, members of the body, this is an amendment that I had drafted. I thought it might have been the first amendment up. Somehow the fact that we have now debated for a little over two hours on this resolution already this afternoon might take some of the fire out of it, but it really was drafted as an attempt to give some credence to the arguments that I've heard from Senator Witek and from Senator Chambers and from some other people around the country, to express some growing concerns that I have had, quite frankly, with The Conference of the States idea, as it tends to become more focused on discussion of amending the United States Constitution and maybe less on some things that we can do to focus on the relationships within the existing constitutional structure. It may not go...I am sure it doesn't go as far as Senator Chambers and Senator Witek and maybe Senator Wesely would like to have it go, but it does, in fact, I think attempt to move toward adding some assurances that at least the process would take very seriously any constitutional amendments that might be proposed as part of this petition, amendments to the United States Constitution. It has been distributed. Hopefully, you've had an opportunity to look at it; should be on your desk. If your desk is anything like mine, it is probably by now under a pile of things. There are about five elements in it that I think are of concern. Number one, it does add an additional whereas clause. We took a number of whereas clauses