

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...in Section 2, and I think it's...it is indefinite. I'd point out that I did propose an alternative termination date to the one Senator Chambers brought forward and that did not meet the approval of the individual offering the amendment, so I allowed him to carry his amendment forward. I have no problems with a termination date of some time, but I think under this resolution there is no particular term of office. Perhaps under the authority you've given the Executive Board, under your amendment, some sort of term of office could be fashioned under what the Executive Board would do with this resolution. I don't know if Senator Kristensen would agree with that or not. I think maybe that would be the way in which we ought to address the issue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, now I know I'm speaking strictly for the record, but I intend to do so. And like Senator Beutler, I'm glad that there has been the discussion. But Senator Beutler said he's weary. Senator Beutler, Senator Beutler, if I understood you correctly you said you're weary. It's only five-fifty. Based on the track that I run, I haven't even gotten into stride at this point and we're not filibustering because a lot of people have discussed it. But this should give you an idea of what it is that I do when all day long, from morning till midnight I carry the ball by myself, not just one day, but the next day, and the next, and the next, and enjoy it. Keep that in mind in case one of those situations arise. But here's the point that I want to get across, if I can. If all this was to be was an opportunity for people to debate and let off steam, and then put together some resolutions that they'll...or suggestions they'll make to Congress, there wouldn't be the need for such a formalized structure. There wouldn't be a need for Governors to call in whatever chits they have to compel people on the floor of this Legislature to fly blind on a resolution which they don't even understand. There wouldn't be need...the need to set up a legal entity known as The Conference of the States, Inc. These various legislative groups and the Conference of Governors could get together and sponsor a meeting and invite all of the state representatives who choose to come. When they come they have an open agenda to discuss anything they want to about the