

who is going to be our agent? Who is going to act on behalf of the State of Nebraska? And the other question is, what instructions are we going to give to that agent? Right now we are talking about the question of what instructions we are going to give to that agent, and Senator Hohenstein is saying we can't give him the instructions that the "Bradford" amendment gives to him because that's not allowed under the federal act, and so if you believe that, after listening to the arguments of Senator Ashford and Senator Hohenstein, you may want to say...you may want to do away with the "Bradford" amendment and allow the Governor to negotiate in a wide-open manner. But if you do that, then I think we should come back in this bill and say, Governor, we leave you without instructions, but you come back to us with what you think is the best for the State of Nebraska, and we will approve or disapprove of it, just like the United States of America approves or disapproves of various treaties that its executive branch enters into. I suggest to you that that is a procedure that will not leave this Legislature open to criticism in the future if and when a result should occur that we do not approve of. And such a thing could happen. What is the best way of knowing what the Governor is going to negotiate? What is already negotiated, right? He has already negotiated a treaty with or a compact with the Omaha Tribe, and what does that say? What did he do there to give us guidance? Well, that says, as of the date of the execution hereof permissible Class III gaming includes keno and lottery, that's all. And then it says the Omaha Tribe reserves the right to institute and maintain a judicial proceeding to determine whether a particular game falls within the definition of Class II or Class III. So he limited it to keno and lottery. Then there is a provision for approval of additional Class III games, and it says that in the event that the Omaha Tribe wishes to conduct Class III games or gaming activities, which is not specifically approved, that is keno and lottery, then there is a process by which it sends notice to the State of Nebraska, there are time periods, and there is a hearing. And it says in the event that Nebraska agrees and, remember, when Nebraska agrees means the Governor agrees, right, in the event Nebraska agrees that such a game is lawful under the act, the parties get together, and eventually it goes into effect. So you want to remember that that means not just this Governor, but the next Governor or the Governor thereafter, some Governor going out of office who has no responsibility or no hold on him anymore could decide to negotiate something on behalf of the state that you and I would have nothing to say about...