

more, and, in fact, in relation to some things Senator Ashford said, I am wondering what a compact is technically. You know, as a student of American government, I was basing my thinking on the fact that treaties, for instance, that the President signs have to be approved by Congress, and since this state government of ours was patterned somewhat on the federal government, I've been looking at the whole thing as something that we should also have to approve anything that the Governor would sign of that nature, and now...and now my thinking has evolved to the point where I'm trying to decide whether you should regard a compact as exactly like a treaty. I guess I would be interested in hearing more discussion on that particular issue because I'm not sure that I feel comfortable yet in knowing what to do. So with that, I will just leave it wide open. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, every school I attended was a white school. I never had a black teacher in my life. I never had a Native American teacher in my life. I never read a history book when I was in class written by a black person or by a Native American. All of them were written by white people. All of the so-called treaties entered into between the U.S. Government and the Native Americans were presided over and dominated by white people, then violated with impunity by the same white people who entered into them. Treaties are entered into between sovereigns. The State of Nebraska is not a sovereign government. The State of Nebraska is subject to whatever law is passed by the U.S. Congress and subject to any provision of the U.S. Constitution. The State of Nebraska cannot enter a treaty with anybody. The state is not a sovereign. All of my life I have had to fight within myself to keep from going out in the streets and doing things out there that they would send me overseas to do to ensure the rights of the people who are going to take my rights. I've been in this Legislature going on 23 years learning and following the rules of this Legislature, trying to get laws passed to make this white people's system be fair and just and equitable. And there is resistance at every turn. Then after sitting through session after session, and fighting repeatedly against the extension of gambling by this state, I've seen it extended into every nook and cranny of this state that some white person who had power or some white group wanted. And now all of a sudden the wings have sprouted, the halos are polished off, and suddenly a kind of gambling that somebody not white might engage in is wicked and