

peaceable and friendly of all Indian tribes, and they have at times received from the government unmistakable and substantial recognition of their long continued friendship for the whites. Therefore, I conclude that the Indian is a person within the meaning of the laws of the United States and has therefore a right to request a writ of habeas corpus before a federal judge. Things change, from 1879, when a judge made the first recognition in Nebraska that an Indian is a person within the meaning of the U.S. Constitution. We come to 1993...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and find a bill replete with language suggesting that Indians have a proclivity toward criminality, that they don't have the ability to manage their affairs, that they must be advised and counseled by their white superiors, that you all be good little boys and girls, you avoid criminality, you watch out for organized crime, you do what we don't require white people to do. With the Big Red Keno scandals in Omaha, nobody came in and said rewrite the law to stop that kind of criminality or advise the city to be on guard against it. It never was thought about. No new restrictions. Yet we have this language in LB 231. I am going to vote for Senator Hohenstein's motion to strip that language so that this bill can be readvanced. Then I'm going to try to strip some of that other language out.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I had, I spent my lunch hour down with some of the, Mayor Morgan's staff. I want to go down and see a little bit about their sales tax proposal. And I, I guess something sort of struck me peculiar about that. It was almost "Kafkaesque" because at the same time, we're up here on this floor talking about...let me just go back for a minute. You know the Indian Gaming Act, the...intent of Congress in that act, you can read it yourself. Let's make no bones about it. Economic development. Economic development is one of the main intents of that act. Promote economic development. Now you may not agree, you may not agree that that's the kind of economic development we ought to promote. But let me ask you, what other kind of economic development have you promoted? What other kind of...what 775 companies have gone to the reservation on