

court sooner. We're probably going to be into a court anyway. But that amendment of Ashford's is going to get us into court a lot sooner because it does state that casino gambling is off of the table. This bill, once again, if it doesn't pass we're going to be in federal court, and the federal courts are going to say, are...will probably tell the Indians that they, the Indian tribes, that they can have casino gambling 'cause we have Class III gaming in Nebraska. We've had it since 1935 with horseracing. And under the new interpretation of the Secretary of the Interior, that's the interpretation, that Class III gaming it's all...once you have Class III gaming it's all alike. All Class III is legal, and on Indian lands. But we need to have somebody to negotiate. Now if we want to come back in with Ashford's amendment that he has filed that would, would actually state that the Legislature will have the final...we have to approve it, we can probably do that. We're probably going to be into some special sessions because it has to be done within 180 days, otherwise you're not negotiating in good faith. But maybe it would work out that by the time they get something worked out that it would be the next session. I don't know. But it's, it has to be done, has to be approved within 180 days, otherwise once again they go to court. As Senator Hohenstein has, has stated, federal law is what's dictating what happens here. We can't make Nebraska law that much different than federal law even though we would like to sometimes. But we're only trying to just...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...just state that the Governor, basically, is the one who will negotiate with the Indian tribes in the State of Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, I...first of all, Senator Hohenstein's comment's about economic development in northeast Nebraska is, are appropriate, I agree with him. What I have tried to say here is, is this, that on General File there was a great deal of confusion. I don't think anyone, including myself and Senator Hohenstein, because we talked a lot about the issue, understood what sort of language would be appropriately placed in this legislation in order to enunciate our, the public policy of the state. Senator Schellpeper, and I don't know why