

with Senator Chambers when he talks about sovereignty. The problem is, it's really a legal argument. It is, the federal government has placed the states in the middle because they did not want to deal directly with the problem. It seems to me that we are bound by our own state law, and all we're doing is putting in this statute a pronouncement of what our state law is.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: That's all we're doing. It certainly is not my effort, Senator Hohenstein, to block economic development in northeast Nebraska because I think it's needed. And...we can link it to the one-half cent sales tax, I suppose a lot of things will be linked to the one-half cent sales tax now anyway. But that's not my intent. But, I really think that, Senator Schellpeper, if you reflect back on what we actually did, we all agreed on this language. And now we're not agreeing on it. Now what happened between the time we agreed on it and now, I don't know. I understand the Indian tribes are upset about it because they want more leeway to bargain. I understand that issue. And I have sympathy for it. But I think, I think we are restricted by state law and by making a public pronouncement on that, in that area. So that, with that, I do have a mo...another amendment, which I am going to withdraw because I think we need to get on with the agenda. The Legislature has already determined that they don't want legislative oversight over this issue, I'm not going to rehash it a second time.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I'm going to withdraw that amendment anyway.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I've read articles that are appearing all around the country on the subject of Indian gaming. I read columns by people who talk about how the Indians are going to lose their pristine purity, their dignity, their symbol as the people who are still unconquered in spirit and have an understanding of nature that others don't have. You know this pretended concern for the Indians when you go in to take something from them, it reminds me of this song that Cher sings sometimes when I'm riding down here to Lincoln. She was the one married to Sonny Bono. And