

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you known me to disagree with current language in Nebraska statutes? Have you heard me say, just because it's already there does not mean that I agree with it, and I'll try to change it if I can. Have you heard me say that on local legislation?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: You've made a lot of different statements.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have you heard that one? Well, maybe you weren't paying attention then either, so let me ask you a different question. Would it surprise you that the mere fact that such language as I find offensive in this bill is also in the federal law? Are you surprised that that will not cause me to accept it?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So what is your objection to my attempt to strip that offensive language out of the bill?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, if we were following federal law, and the federal law will take precedence anyway, so it doesn't make a difference if we take it out of Nebraska law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. So it doesn't have to be in their with our saying, as a Legislature, the same kind of demeaning things that are in federal law. We don't have to do that, do we?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: We don't have to, but I think it's good to have it in there because it's in federal law.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if that language is taken out, it won't affect the real purpose of this bill at all, will it?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Some of the words I would be very much opposed to if taken out. Some of the sections that you mentioned before, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is the main purpose of this bill to establish that the Governor is the one who will negotiate for the state with the tribes?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's the main purpose, but it needs to be done also in a manner that is done...forget the language...