

bill. (See page 2589 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I don't know if you have a copy of the bill before you, but what the amendment says is that on page 2 of the bill, starting in line 15, all language would be stricken through line 1 on page 3. Senator Schellpeper has stated that this language comes from the federal law. I would like to ask him a question before I proceed.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schellpeper, would you respond please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schellpeper, is this language lifted verbatim or word for word from the federal law?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Not word for word, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which, which words...all right. That's all that I have to ask, thank you. Members of the Legislature, the reason I ask those kind of questions is because we're often told that something comes from the federal law, but then questions indicate that really it didn't. And I do find this language offensive. And, Senator Schellpeper, the part that I find offensive is not where it says, conduct this activity fairly and honestly. That's supposed to be done. But suppose I approach you and I say, Senator Schellpeper, I expect you to be a senator and I expect you to be fair, and I expect you to be honest. I don't expect you to accept any bribes, and I don't expect you to be a liar. Well, why'd I even say that to you? Merely saying it is insulting. This language that I'm talking about is condescending, is demeaning, and is totally unnecessary to the purposes of the bill, and it's unnecessary, to my way of thinking, to any decent piece of legislation, whether it's in federal law or not. This is the language that would be left in the bill, Section 1 in total would be left. Then in Section 2, these lines I would leave in the bill, "It shall be the policy of this state that any compact negotiated pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall: (1) Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public; (2) Promote tribal economic development, tribal self-sufficiency, and strong tribal government." That kind of language makes it clear that there is not to be any overreaching