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language in lines 2 through 6 were stricken by Senator Hohenstein's amendment, and the emergency clause would be left intact.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before I proceed to the next speaker I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. We have special guest of Senator Lindsay, we have his mother, Mary Lindsay, and also with her is Merrilleen Tippery from Omaha. They're under the south balcony. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. And also a guest of Senator Bernard-Stevens, under the north balcony we have Mark Hunt, from Wallace, Nebraska. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being here. While the Legislature's in session and capable of transacting business I propose to sign and do sign Legislative Resolutions LR 259, LR 260, LR 261, LR 262, and LR 263. Senator Schellpeper, you're next.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I rise to oppose the motion by Senator Chambers to return it to Select File. As I stated before, this language basically mirrors the federal legislation. This language was added by the Omaha Tribe legal counsel in 1992, last year. We had the bill last year, was LB 201. And it was up to Final Reading, but it didn't get passed. It was one bill too late. It got behind some other bills. But it's a bill that needs to pass this year because if it doesn't pass this year, then the O...or the Indian tribes can go to court, federal court, and the federal courts will rule on what we can and cannot do. And they will rule against Nebraska, probably, because they did in the State of Kansas, as Senator Wickersham has stated. It's real clear that we need to have somebody from this state to negotiate, and that's what we're attempting to do with this bill. So I think the bill in its present form is in good form. It's clear, and it spells out that it shall be conducted fairly and honestly. And it's, it just puts it into language that mirrors the federal legislation, federal laws, so I'm going to oppose to return it to Select File and I think it's, we need to move on to some other legislation this afternoon. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Abboud. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise, at least partially, in support of the Chambers amendment.