

would strike, starting in line 15, all of the remaining language on page 2. And then the language in line 1 on page 3. That's what I'm submitting and I hope you will adopt it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Does anyone wish to speak to this amendment? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, it's hard to know where to go on this bill, but my misgivings grow and grow. As you strike these provisions from the bill and as you put in more general and broad language, you further empower the Governor of this state, and not just this Governor of the state but all future governors of the state, to do whatever it is they please. Whatever it is in their view is good public policy for the state, they can do. And once they do it, you will not be able to undo it. And again, it just seems to me curious that we want to give away to another branch of government our public policy decisions. And it seems to me curious that even though we have the prerogative under federal law, I don't think there's any doubt but that we can set up our own procedure as a state as to how we want to ratify or, or signify approval of these agreements. Why is it that we want to give away that function which we would violently assert is our own, should these kinds of decisions be made on an internal gambling matter? Now Senator Chambers has framed this issue in terms of what he believes to be a slight in terms of our, our view of Native American gambling versus state gambling. I don't see that. I don't think we're treating this any differently than we would treat any one of our constituents who came in here and said, we want, we want to do casino gambling. I think that the point is that to the extent we are able we want to treat all people the same. And you would never say to the Governor, okay, Governor, you can decide if in Hastings, we'll allow casino form of gambling. You would never give the Governor that power. Why then would you give them that power in this instance if it were not necessary to do so? And I submit to you that it is not necessary to do so. I think there is also the danger in this kind of procedure that we're, we're moving under right now that we will sufficiently undermine the delegation powers, the delegation to the Governor that is being done by this bill by providing inadequate standards. It is the law in this state, in most states, that if you're going to delegate this kind of power to a governor that you have to do under adequate standards. The more standards you can list, the more confined and directed the governor is, the more likely the delegation of power will be