

dealing with a sovereign tribe. They are not the same. Now I understand the difficulty we have with that concept. People are people. And I appreciate the remarks you made the other night about your feelings on that issue. But they are not the same. And we have been given this hoop again to jump through. We're dealing with a sovereign tribe. The sovereign tribe rules are set up separately and distinctly from the other rules that we have to follow. What we need to insure is that we follow the law. I think Senator Chambers' amendment, although I don't know that it was necessary, is what we have before us, it does indicate what you've got in terms of requirements. It's clear that the Governor has to negotiate in accordance with the federal act. All of the federal act. If that is not clear it should be clear. The Governor must negotiate in accordance with all of the federal act, and those specific things we just took out are in the federal act, so it's clear that even though we took them out of the bill, the Governor does have to negotiate and take into consideration all of those issues, and therefore, I would rise to support the amendment and then advance this bill, hopefully one last time, to Final Reading.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President and members. Very briefly, and I'm going to give some time to Senator Beutler. But I think what we've done here, quite frankly, and I'm not going to vote to advance the bill, nor am I going to vote for it on Final Reading, is we have expanded the compact beyond what is necessary under federal law. And I made those arguments before and I don't need to make them again other than to say that, inasmuch and in Nebraska as that we are now in the business of promoting gambling in an active sense, and at the same time we're not putting a countervailing statement of our public policy in the law, we are at this point, and with the last amendment, essentially setting the Governor up as a, in my opinion, really as an agent of the federal government and that he is going to be pretty much free to...or not free, and I think this is what this amendment is designed to do, in effect telling the Governor of the State of Nebraska to follow the federal law. And that what's, what's left of the, of the state law is, is very little. So that when the Governor sits down to negotiate, the Governor will be following the federal law because the state law is, is pretty much void of anything at this point on the compact. And that under the federal, under federal law the,