

Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Move, move that LB 231E be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Heard the motion to advance. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. LB 231 is advanced.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to return the bill. (See page 2590 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, at the beginning of this debate I had vowed to stay out of it and not create more arguments. But with the deletion of the language that you've now deleted, I think it becomes more imperative than ever that the Legislature accept responsibility for what is going on here ultimately. And therefore, the amendment I present to you is simply an amendment that would require legislative ratification of any agreement negotiated by the Governor. And in line with that it would further ratify and approve the agreement already entered into by the Governor with the Omaha Tribe. I ask you to think about the nature of the commitment and the long-term nature of the commitment. And in that regard I ask you to think back and think about the low-level nuclear waste commitment. And the trouble that we can get into over time because we cannot foresee, necessarily, and because we do not pay enough attention to, necessarily, the things that go on. Now you all are about to pass a bill that says no ratification is necessary. And in that regard, you will be instantly, at the time that that bill passes, approving the Omaha Tribe compact. Can I see the hands of those who have read the Omaha Tribe compact and know, know what's in there? You know the truth of the matter is we don't have the responsibility for doing that and we're short on time, and none of us know what's in there. Well, it contains such things, for example, as the fact that in the future, should another form of Class III, Class III gambling be requested by a tribe, whoever the Governor of the state is at that particular point in time, he or she