

back to our mistakes we've learned from low-level radioactive waste, harken back to Senator Chambers affirmative statements, statement on football players, there must be a better way to do something. Today there must be a better way than just handing over to the Governor and letting the federal government have their will in this issue. I think this is an issue that is so big to the future of the State of Nebraska, so big I don't know if it's to the Native Americans, I mean, obviously, it's a big deal. But as far as policy, and as far as the rules and regs that we as Nebraskans are going to live by when it comes to gambling, this is too big not to have to come to the Legislature. And whether we can or can't, I don't know. I guess I'm of the opinion where I guess I don't care at this point in time. I'm going to make the statement that, yes, it ought to come back here. And yes, federal government, you can't just...and the federal government, what they've done on gambling laws in the last five or six years has taken everything out of our hands in some ways. I guess now is the time I finally get, after being as quiet as a mouse on gambling issues, here's what I'm going to say, wait a second, Legislature, you need to take control of this somehow. Now is this a mistake? Can it be done? I don't know. I think Senator Hohenstein just in brief conversation said, well, it has to be ratified within 180 days and we may have to have a special session. Well I guess I don't care. This is something that is big enough, we ought to have a special session. If we're going to have casino gambling in the boundaries of the State of Nebraska, it is more than important enough for us to come back, have a special session to talk about it. It is that important. Now I've never been a big fan of gambling and Senator Chambers will quickly point out well then how come you always voted for tax breaks to Ak-Sar-Ben, and I'm not going to go back 50, 60 years on why we did that back then, I don't know. All I'm saying is at this point in time if we're going to embark on casino gambling in the State of Nebraska, which I think this bill is all about, I think the Legislature ought to have some advice and consent. For that reason I rise to support Senator Beutler's amendment.

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

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President, members. I think finally we've got this debate exactly where it needs to be. Thank you, Senator Mocre and Senator Chambers for doing that because on one hand Senator Chambers is arguing that we need to have...to allow the Indian tribes to really to negotiate