

unlimited casino gambling on one side and Senator Hohenstein is talking about the need for economic development and how casinos fit into that and that's the kind of legislative history we have today. And now finally I think someone is coming back other than Senator Beutler and myself, I think we've worn a little thin saying, I'm sure we have worn very thin, saying look it, there's another side to this, this debate really is about casino gambling and that if nothing else we should as a Legislature, if there is going to be two, three, four, or five casinos located in the State of Nebraska whether they be in Douglas County or Lancaster County or wherever they might be, that we ought to have some say in how that is going to happen or at least look at the compact that is entered into. And I really do think finally the debate is exactly where it should be and that we follow the Hohenstein-Chambers theory and pretty much open the floodgates because we've rejected the amendments that talk about putting state policy about gambling in the compact. On the other side I think we look at a very good, solid option that Senator Beutler has given us and Senator Moore is talking about where, yes, this is the issue. The issue is casino gambling for Nebraska, it's coming, I want to be able to at least take a look at what kind of casinos we're going to have and what the gambling is going to be. I really think that's where we are and that we can talk about the niceties of the law all night long, but we're really, we are two polar points here and it has been stated the issue has finally been framed I think in the appropriate way. Having been framed that way I think it becomes absolutely more imperative that, more so than when we offered this amendment earlier in the debate several weeks ago, that the Legislature take a look at it because we have now referenced the federal law. We've taken a lot of the language out of the compact that was in, legislation that was in there before that talked about state control. So at some point the Legislature needs to step in and the ratification process, in my opinion, is the appropriate place to be and with that I support the Beutler amendment.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I'm having a little problem with Senator Moore, Senator Ashford and Senator Beutler's comments. Senator Ashford, you worked with the Court of Industrial Relations at one time. Let me ask you a question if I can about negotiation. When two parties sit down to negotiate, should each party be able to take a position