

and the other party be able to rely on that position in granting concessions?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if the Legislature is going to make the ultimate decision, the Governor is not really the negotiator, he is the titular negotiator, isn't that true, because the final decision is not with him or her?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I have an answer for that. You probably don't want me to give it to you other than yes or no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, yeah, that's why I asked you.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well very briefly, if the Indian tribes have a representative negotiating with the Governor I assume it's going to go back to a tribal council for ratification and I see a similarity here going back to the Legislature for ratification.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there, Senator Ashford, is there anything in the law that says the representative of the tribes must go back to the tribes for ratification?

SENATOR ASHFORD: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You do want to put something in this that would stop everything no matter what had been agreed to by the parties sitting at the table. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right, I'd want the Legislature to look at it and ratify it, that's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. members of the Legislature, this would be a half negotiation. One side is coming to the table prepared to lay out what is going to be given and what is expected in return. This side, the white side, the first world side is going to send somebody there to feel them out without being bound or obligated to anything so it's not really a negotiation, it's conversation. They may as well drink tea, if that's what they drink or eat barbecue and just have a good time, watch television, and then when they get through they're no better off or worse off than they were before except they've wasted some time. If I were to negotiate with somebody I would want to believe that that person is there with the same reason that I