

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is that they go to Iowa and Colorado.

PPRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I rise in opposition to this amendment and I'll tell you very simply why. The Governor goes to negotiate, Governor comes back with an agreement, he has negotiated 75 different points. He has negotiated the kind of games. He has negotiated and if you want to take a look at what he has the right to negotiate, I was talking to Senator Beutler early about, the application of the criminal and civil laws, regulation, allocation of jurisdiction, assessment by the state of such activities in such amounts as is necessary to defray the cost of regulating such activity, standards of such activity. You can negotiate a whole bunch of different things and then you expect 25 of us to agree on every single point. Negotiation by committee is what you've got, negotiation by committee. It's simply unworkable. Not only is it unworkable, if you want to get into court on a bad faith argument, adopt this amendment and I guarantee you you will be there. We'll be sitting here waiting for this compact to come back to this body, waiting for that special session that we all want to jump into so we can negotiate this compact. We won't be here. You can traipse on down to federal court. That's where the action is at, that's where the action will be. It won't be here in this body because you won't have anything to look at. It's not coming back to this body if this amendment is adopted. It's not coming back here. You know Senator Ashford has said, and he said it specifically this time. This is about casino gambling in Omaha and Lancaster County. That is so wrong. This doesn't even relate to any land off the reservations. This is not talking about nontribal lands. We're not talk...Senator Ashford, can you tell me where the reservation is located in the City of Omaha?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I was going to ask you, Senator Hohenstein, whether there is anything in this...in the act that would prevent the reservation lands to be extended to areas of Douglas County, but I also said Douglas, Lancaster and other places.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Okay, well you were only two-thirds wrong then, other places. The only place that this bill, this law, federal law deals with is tribal lands as they exist now. There is a separate procedure and Senator Ashford knows it very well,