

extremely difficult procedure. In fact, in the history of this country there has been one place established off a reservation as tribal trust lands, one place in the history of the country. It wasn't in Omaha and it wasn't in Lincoln and it's not likely to be established there for a long, long time, one time. It's an extremely difficult procedure to establish trust lands off of the reservation with the intent of putting a casino or anything else there. That's not going to happen. You're talking about trust, you're talking about tribal land, tribal regulation only. If you adopt this amendment what you have effectively done is said, Governor, you have the right to negotiate every single thing that we've given you the right to negotiate except, you know, we not agree with any of it, but we'll tell you, we'll tell you when you bring it back to us what we've agreed with. And the other thing that this does is, I mean again we have the presumption that the compact that has been negotiated with the Omaha Tribe is not valid. It is valid. The State of Nebraska has been working under that agreement, the Omaha Tribe has been working under that agreement. It is a valid compact contract negotiated between a sovereign nation of the State of Nebraska and to say that it somehow needs to be ratified to make it valid is simply not true. It's simply not true. I think the only person that believes that, Senator Beutler. The State of Nebraska has never adopted that theory. The Omaha Tribe has never adopted that theory. It's simply not true. The bill without this amendment is fine. There are plenty of strictures in the federal law. The Governor does not have a free-wheeling authority to negotiate anything he wants to. I'll give him the authority, I'll give him the authority that the federal law gave him, no more, no less. I urge rejection of the return to Select File and the Beutler amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Are there sufficient seconds? There are. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I recognize Senator Beutler for closing.