

negotiation take place because on behalf of the Indians, the Indians will argue that we can't negotiate with the Governor because the Governor can't speak for the Legislature and that is, in fact, true. But the Governor can speak for the people of the state. He has been elected or she has been elected by the people of the state and I think that that is where this negotiation ought to stay on this kind of an endeavor. They will have to answer, whoever the Governor is, to the people of the state at the election ballot if they choose to run again on that issue. If they think that it's important to negotiate and allow for gambling, whatever form it may be in, then they ought to be able to do that. We shouldn't have to rubber-stamp that or come back in and pick it apart as we all know we will. I can't imagine anything that one individual would agree to that as a body a majority of us will necessarily enshrine into statute for purposes of endorsing it after the fact. There is going to be something that we as a group or individually do not agree with and I cannot see that down the road that this is going to prevent casino gambling or other types of gambling that we currently approve in Nebraska that are classified as Class III from being put into place on a reservation. I don't think it's going to happen. I don't think you can stop it. I think merely all you're going to be able to do with the Beutler amendment is very likely delay it and maybe it won't even be a delay, maybe frankly that they'll be able to move quicker on a bad faith argument in court than they could with a negotiated process with the Governor being the spokesperson for the state. I think that's where the position and the responsibility lies. I think that is where it is best left. I would urge you to vote against Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Will, you're next, followed by Senator Schellpeper, Chambers, Hohenstein, Moore, Beutler, Bromm and Schimek.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the Beutler amendment at this point. I would love for the Legislature to make all of our gambling policy. I think that's where it belongs, that's where it should be on this issue and all others. However, if you want to take that approach, then I think that the proper way to do it was through something along the lines of the amendment that Senator Ashford had in before which we rejected, which we took off earlier today and I think we did that for a good reason because we're getting into a realm where we're dealing with a