

Maybe we ought to do that. Maybe we ought to look at the horse racing and start ratifying contracts there and you know, I'm being facetious but that's where this leads. You can't do it all. If this body thinks by adopting this amendment that we'll get our grubby little hands on that compact so we can look it over, it's never going to happen. It is not going to happen because that compact is never going to get here. Because what Senator Chambers said regarding good faith negotiations is exactly right. It's clear from the tenor of the debate that the only reason we're concerned it, we wouldn't be concerned about negotiation if all we talked about was the existing laws and existing, if that were the amendment that we previously adopted, Senator Ashford, this bill would be long gone and we'd be talking about something different. That's not the issue. We're talking about something above and beyond what Nebraska presently permits. That's why we want to ratify it. And we're not going to ratify it. The fact of the matter is when that condition, precondition is met, what are we going to tell the Governor? You know in negotiations you've given instructions. You've given instructions to both sides. You said, you go in there, here's your instructions, you go in there and here's your instructions, you get together. You come back and tell us what you come up with. What are we telling the Governor here? We're telling the Governor you can negotiate, you can negotiate under the Federal Regulatory Act, but we're not going to tell you what you can do. We're not going to tell you. Now the Governor maybe could read this debate and figure it out, I'd be surprised if he could, but we're not going to tell you anything, Governor. This is kind of like hide and seek, legislative hide and seek. You can tell us what you come back with, we might take it, we might not. You know it just depends. This is not negotiation. This is not good faith negotiation and what's going to happen is the Indian tribes are going to walk in the Governor's office and say, Governor, what's on the table? And the Governor is going to say, you know, I'm not sure. They had this four-hour debate one day and they said negotiate, but we have to approve it. What's on the table, Governor? I don't know. This case is not going to be decided on this floor, this compact is not going to be considered on this floor, it's going to federal court, walk over there because that's where it's going. It will never get here, it will never get here. It doesn't have to be that way, it does not have to be that way. Reject this amendment, let the Governor negotiate in accordance with the federal act, trust the Governor's office to do what is right for the State of Nebraska. You're going to see some changes in that federal act. It's