

but I think some of the testimony here this afternoon by Senator Beutler and Senator Ashford is going to give the Indian tribes more fodder to take to court to say that we are negotiating in bad faith. I think it's something that we shouldn't be doing. I think some of the statements that have been made, they are going to use. You know time is going to tell, but I guess we need to negotiate in good faith. We're not saying that we're going to let the Governor come in and he's going to be able to have all these different games and negotiate. He can only do what we allow by state law. He can't say that they can have a casino in every town or whatever that they want to do. He can do whatever state law allows us to do. So I think we need to give the Governor the authority in good faith according to the federal gaming act and then go from there and then come back. And I think the bill, the original bill also stated that we had to come in and we had to ratify the compact or the agreement with the Omaha Indian tribe, and that I think needs to come out of there. I don't think we should be doing that because if we do that then we'll have to come in and do each one of them. Many of the games mentioned in the Omaha tribe have since been declared unconstitutional, that they can't do them anymore. So we're not opening up any gambling issue here. We're just doing what is legal in Nebraska at the present time but we're negotiating in good faith with the Indian tribes trying to have them understand what we allow and what we don't allow in this state. So at this time I have to oppose the Ashford amendment even though I know what he is trying to do and it's...I'm very sympathetic but it just can't work under the federal gaming law to make it work. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 75. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk. (See page 1641 of the Legislative Journal.)

CLERK: Very quickly, Mr. President, Senator Jones has amendments to LB 139 to be printed and Government Committee reports LB 551 to General File with amendments attached, signed by Senator Schimek. That's all that I have. (See page 1641 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Will, you're next.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body.