



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001  
Committee Statement  
LR 17**

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**Hearing Date:** 2/28/2001  
**Committee On:** Judiciary

**Introducers:** (Chambers)

**Title:** Provide for retrocession of criminal and civil jurisdiction over the Santee Sioux Reservation

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- X Advanced to General File
- Advanced to General File with Amendments
- Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

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| 6 | Yes                 | Senators Bourne, Chambers, Connealy, Pedersen, Robak, Tyson |
|   | No                  |   |
|   | Present, not voting |   |
| 2 | Absent              | Senators Baker, Brashear                                    |
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**Proponents:**

Senator Ernie Chambers  
Roger Trudell  
Rick Thomas  
Don Priebe  
Judi Morgan  
Ross Primm  
Robert Stands

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska  
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska  
Self  
Nebraska Indian Commission  
Nebraska Indian Community College  
Nebraska Indian Community College

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR 17 would allow for criminal and civil jurisdiction over some matters to return to the Santee Sioux Reservation from the State of Nebraska.

Criminal Jurisdiction: Under LR 17, the Santee Sioux Tribe would have jurisdiction to prosecute Indians who commit offenses involving the operation of motor vehicles on the public

highways and roadways that occur on the Reservation. The State of Nebraska shall continue to have jurisdiction to prosecute non-Indians who commit such offenses.

Civil Jurisdiction: Under LR 17, the Santee Sioux Tribe would have exclusive jurisdiction over civil causes of action that arise within the Reservation which affect the health, safety, welfare and its members. The State of Nebraska would continue to have jurisdiction over causes of action that affect the State of Nebraska or its citizens, to the point where Tribal Self-Government would be affected.

The State of Nebraska would retain exclusive jurisdiction over causes of action involving non-Indians and not affecting Tribal Self-Government.

The terms of LR 17 would take effect at 12:01 A.M, July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Kermit A. Brashear, Chairperson**