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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LR 2 CA

Chairperson: Senator Ray Janssen
Committee: General Affairs
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LR 2CA would allow gaming to be operated by:

- 1) A federally recognized Indian tribe in Nebraska on lands within the limits of the tribe's Indian reservation recognized as of October 1988, or on real property in Knox County and Boyd County held by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of the Ponca Tribe, and over which the tribe has jurisdiction when such gaming is conducted in accordance with federal law.
- 2) The state of Nebraska or one or more federally recognized Indian tribes in Nebraska within an interdiction gaming zone created by the Legislature. Indian tribes may be given the authority to conduct gaming activities in one or more facilities within the interdiction gaming zone if the tribe(s) agree not to conduct gaming activities on the reservation land of the tribe or tribes in Nebraska or upon land in Knox County or Boyd County held by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of the Ponca Tribe.

Gaming means any game of chance played with cards, dice, equipment, or a machine for money, credit, or any representative of value if the game is not included within the definition of Class I or Class II gaming under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act as of January 1, 2002.

Interdiction gaming zone means an area of the state that lies within two miles of an adjoining state which allows gaming, except that (i) no such zone may contain lands within the limits of a federally recognized Indian tribe's Indian reservation in Nebraska recognized as of October 1988, or real property in Knox County and Boyd County held by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for the benefit of the Ponca Tribe, and (ii) if an adjoining state no longer has gaming conducted in its jurisdiction for ten years, the interdiction gaming zone or gaming in such portion of the zone that adjoins such state shall be discontinued.

Principal Introducer:

Senator DiAnna R. Schimek