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operations predated IGRA by about ten years. States felt that it was already within their rights to assert regulatory control over these operations. Tribes disagreed. To protect themselves from the states' efforts to limit gaming, tribes sought legislative insurance against an unfavorable court ruling. Then, in 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states have no regulatory control over gaming conducted on Indian land. This was the famous California v. Cabazon case. Following that decision, several states, led by Las Vegas gaming interests, reversed their opposition to IGRA and urged its passage as a way to have some control. Congress consented in 1988, and IGRA, after being amended to give states more regulatory control through compact negotiations, became law. So what IGRA did is it said to the states, okay, you can have some say in this matter; you can compact with the tribes and you can talk about things like revenues; you can talk about things like infrastructure, like jurisdiction; you can talk about things, which Iowa probably didn't do and probably should have done, about what the age of people who go into casinos should be; you can negotiate all those things. And the states have been given that power by the federal government. I think that if we don't do anything it's possible that at some point the federal government will decide this whole issue for everybody, and I think we'd be abrogating our responsibility if we did that. I want you to look in your packet at the pink sheet, and it's Chapter 29, Indian gaming regulation, and I'm not going to go into it. All I want you to see is that the federal government has lots of very specific statutes that...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...cover Indian gaming on the reservations, and this particular...and this particular aspect of it I want to talk about, the next time I get a chance to talk, regarding the process that's involved here, because it is a very lengthy process to negotiate a compact and to finally have it come to fruition. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: You may continue, Senator Schimek. Your light is on next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh. Thank you, Mr. President. I do want to