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SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And the Poncas, as you probably know, have a piece of land about a block and a half, two blocks away from the Capitol.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And that is not land held in trust for gaming since 1988, and that would not be available for gaming purposes.

SENATOR REDFIELD: And the federal law specifically says it has to be held in trust?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You're welcome.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Bourne, followed by Senators Mines, Erdman, Beutler, Stuthman, Schimek, Smith, Brashear, Schrock, Jensen, Janssen, and Connealy. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the amendment. And I...to start, I just want to make a little clarification. Senator Smith had mentioned the compromise here. And I just wanted to indicate that the compromise was between LR 11CA and LR 14CA. And it was simply just a conversation between the introducers of those bills as to how we could have some middle ground. By no means is this a compromise on the entire Legislature. And I hope Senator Smith understands that, that this is simply...we had Senator Schimek's bill that was considerably different than Senator Janssen's, and it was simply a compromise to try to split the differences between those two bills, those two introducers of the bills. And of course, anyone in the Legislature is free to vote for this, against this, amend it, do whatever they want. So again,