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dialog off the floor with Senator Schimek that I'm not certain I've heard described. And if I have, I apologize to anybody who's described it. But as I understand what will happen, once we open the door to gaming, gambling casino-style, then we must, must, shall, under the law, negotiate in good faith a compact with the sovereign Native American Nations within our geographical boundaries, by which they too can engage in this activity. And I want to say again that I believe the test of good faith, pretty logical, I think, if you think about it, will be, what have the compacts in other jurisdictions looked like? What were the terms and conditions of those compacts? And one of those issues that will come up...I agree with Senator Schimek, it's not extensive, but apparently there are three known instances...is where those sovereign Native American Nations can exercise sovereignty over a disparate geographic piece of land which they have previously held in trust for the purpose of also having gaming activity there. So I'm not obtuse here. Let me lay it out. It's always been my understanding that we have sovereign Native American Nations who own...

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

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SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...land in Carter Lake, Iowa. On the, quote, Nebraska side of the river. So we ought to, in the course of dealing with this appropriately as lawmakers for the people, we ought to spread upon the record our concerns about how our Governor would negotiate in good faith a compact with the sovereign Native American Nations such that we...it weaves and melds into this process, so that we know what we're getting and we get what we thought we were getting, and we aren't getting something we didn't think we were getting and don't have any control over. So that's one additional issue that I'd like to share simply after getting the amendment this morning and talking about it. Mr. Speaker, how much time to I have?

SPEAKER BROMM: None. (Laughter)

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That's what I thought. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.