

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Yes, Mr. Speaker, colleagues, in the event to save time, you each have a handout which was basically my introduction speech on LR 57. I think if you take time to read it during the debate, we are going to try to complete this with our 30 minute time limit, vote on it at the end of the 30 minutes and try to complete it. I think everybody is fairly familiar with the retrocession resolution and also when we do vote to bring it out of committee the intent is, there is a similar resolution filed on page 2135, it's more or less a compromise resolution that just deals with the criminal retrocession and that is the intent eventually to pull this bill out, amend it and pass it on as amended with just criminal retrocession. To save time, I will quit talking now so we can get some floor speeches or talks going.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, there is a very unpleasant aspect of this whole thing that I have to deal with and then others will tell about the mechanics of retrocession. Indians are in a bad way because promises were made to them through treaties and those promises were violated. It is almost poetic that a situation existed with the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee that was very similar to that. He knew I was going to be out of town on the day he decided to take this up and had promised as solemnly as he is able to that it would not be taken up and he took it up in violation of his promise. I have something I must read, and these words were spoken January 9, 1985 on the floor of this Legislature by Senator Vard Johnson while nominating Senator Hoagland to be Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. I am excerpting it, but you can get the full text if you desire. "I want to talk to you for a couple of minutes about Senator Peter Hoagland. I want to indicate why I commend him to you for the Chairmanship of this very important committee. Senator Hoagland came to this Legislature as a person committed to social justice. Senator Hoagland has been a committed legislator who has given to this body the best of time, attention and thought. The Judiciary Committee represents one of the most significant committees that we have in the Nebraska Legislature because it deals with the warp and the weave, the woof, the fabric of our life. It deals with the