

Legislature, strange indeed how the issue of retrocession has focused suddenly upon gambling. I haven't been doing any counting, but I would guess based upon the change in emphasis it looks as if retrocession might be perhaps a resolution which could pass and so what do you do if you oppose the idea of retrocession? You bring in another issue. Senator Hefner says that video slots are not legal in Iowa. Senator Hefner knows as well as I do that video slots, if you want to use that term, were not specifically banned by the Iowa Legislature, and not having been banned, they are allowed to come under the terms of regulation and, therefore, they are not in violation when they operate that equipment on the Winnebago Reservation. It's kind of a little bit like one of my legislator friends from Iowa said last session when Iowa was going to enact legislation providing for a dog track, providing for a lottery, providing for a horse track. This Iowa legislator with many years experience said, there isn't anything that concerns Nebraskans as much about the morals of lowans as a threat of a race track in Iowa. You know it's an interesting situation. The Indian nation found that they have the opportunity, if you want to call it that, or the responsibility, whatever you want to call it, to operate a bingo hall and maybe some other kinds of gambling. And all of a sudden people who have never ever seen a live Native American, have never shown much concern for a minority of any kind become concerned about the moral threat to the Indian nation. I guess I would be a little more impressed if a record of those individuals on this floor from the time they entered this body and took that oath upheld that kind of concern. I think I stand second only perhaps to Senator Chambers, maybe Senator Marsh, in my defense of minority rights and it is kind of interesting that many years ago those of us in agriculture considered ourselves to be perhaps a little bit of an elite group. We own land, we own property. No one could touch us. All of a sudden because, and I think and no one has ever disproved it, because of action by the federal government hundreds of thousands of American farmers are going into bankruptcy and we are being told and Mr. Volcker told us last February in Washington, 95 percent of the people are happy. My people are happy. Why should I concern myself about the 5 percent that are not happy? I want to just bear in mind, someone said the Indians don't pay any taxes. We had an economist last spring said farmers don't pay any taxes. Now, first of all, as we know you have to earn income to pay taxes. I'll