

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, it is my understanding we wouldn't get a chance to vote on the issue of retrocession this year. So I simply offer this as an amendment at this rather opportune time, since it is kind of a lax afternoon anyway. What it would do would grant criminal jurisdiction, retrocession, to the Winnebago Tribe. I think in light of the statements I made about various groups, be they Indian or Mexican, or Vietnamese or women, having the ability to, as far as possible, handle their own affairs and do these things, I think it is only appropriate that I support the retrocession, which I do, and give them the ability to make, on the reservation, on matters of criminal jurisdiction affecting only Indians, the retrocession jurisdiction as exists in so many other places and reservations in the United States. I ask you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, we have had a fairly recent discussion on the retrocession resolution, approximately three weeks ago when we raised the resolution to the floor of the Nebraska Legislature. I don't think I can add much to that discussion that then occurred. I think that it is totally in keeping with the elimination of the Indian Commission that we now provide freedom to a particular tribe of Indians in Nebraska who very much asks for freedom from state interference with the criminal processes on the reservation. I would support and ask you to support this amendment to LR 295.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner. Senator Goll is next.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. This is taking a very controversial resolution and putting it into this resolution that we are debating right now. I don't support the retrocession resolution. The committee that held the hearing on it, the judicial committee, didn't support it, or a lot of their members didn't anyway. Here we come at the eleventh hour and adding it to another resolution that was not supposed to be too controversial. So I would urge you to vote against this amendment. If we want to debate the