

independence, and control of one's own life, and one's own land, and one's own area, and one's own customs and usages. So I would ask you to find the 30 votes to at least suspend the rules so the question can be brought to a vote. We owe that to the Winnebagos.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to suspend the rules for the purpose stated. Senator Hoagland, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, colleagues, I would rise to oppose this. I don't want to take a lot of time on this. Just let me give you a little bit of history and ask you to bear with the committee, bear with the Judiciary Committee on this issue because we do plan to go up this fall and take a look at how retrocession has worked on the Omaha reservation, and how it might work in the Winnebago reservation. Now we had a five and a half hour evening hearing, as you all know, about seven weeks ago. The resolution came to us opposed by the Thurston County Attorney, and opposed by the Thurston County Board on a five to two vote, opposed by Senator Goll, the State Senator from the district, who is going to speak at some point this afternoon, and we then killed it in the Judiciary Committee with the promise that we wanted to spend some time getting a feel for the issue. Now the problem is in the five and a half hours that we had in that evening hearing, and some of you were there, we really didn't get a feel. We only heard from one person on one side from Thurston County, as I recall, and two people on the other side. All the other testimony was professors, and lawyers, and all kinds of people that didn't...weren't able to convey to us, at least, certainly to me personally, a real feel or a real understanding for what is going on in Thurston County. Now the reason I ask you to bear with us is that retrocession is something we can do any time. Once we do do it, however, it is irrevocable. Once we retrocede jurisdiction back to the tribe and allow them to set up their own criminal court for criminal misdemeanors, and let them set up I think, part of that, although I'm not sure as their own police force to...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: ...to police certain portions of the reservation, once we concede that we can never recover it. The State of Nebraska is completely out of the picture in terms of controlling how that court system is going to work.