

Frankly, the majority of people on the committee just felt we didn't have enough of a feel for what that was going to mean. We want to go up there this fall. We want to see how things are working at the Omaha Tribe, where they've had retrocession for awhile, see how it might work on the Winnebago Tribe, get a hands on sort of experience in terms of what is actually going to happen. Now we can do this next January as easily as today. I simply ask you to bear with the committee and give us a chance to go up there and find out what is really going on and make our own judgment as to whether it is in the public interest to grant retrocession or not. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise in opposition to the suspension of the rules on LR 57 (sic), the criminal retrocession of the Winnebago Tribe. It is rather difficult for me because I represent both sides of the issue as Thurston County is on the northern perimeter of my district. But I would like to share with you, if I may for only a moment, a letter which came to me from Thurston County and this letter somewhat, I think, spells out why I have some concerns about criminal retrocession. "Dear Senator Goll: I am writing this letter in regard to the present court situation in Macy, Nebraska, on the Omaha Reservation land. Now there are two reservations in Thurston County. One is the Omahas and the other is the Winnebago. And the Omaha Tribe essentially takes care of the southern half of Thurston County and the Winnebagos are located on the northern half of Thurston County. The Omahas have retrocession and have had since I believe 1971 or 2." And this letter goes on: "I taught students at the Macy Public Schools during 1984 and 85. One incident that took place was a student was kicked by another in my room. The week before Easter two policemen approached me about the incident. One of the policemen took my statement basically trying to tell me word for word what to say. The next morning I received a subpoena to appear in court that afternoon. When I arrived I discovered that the same policeman was working as a lawyer for the child who did the kicking. In another case a Macy Police Department wife is beaten repeatedly. She contacted the police who was afraid to do anything. Of course, there was no one else to turn to. I have discussed retrocession with many of my good friends who are Omahas. They have told me they do not want