

state laws. Any bingo or horse track or anything else we allow under any circumstances would then arguably not be in opposition to state law as soon as this July. Even if the Indians do not intend to start gambling right now, the Tribal Council could change considerably over the next 14 years. No resolution can bind future councils. I ask you to accept my amendment and strike the WHEREASES dealing with gambling. The area of law is so controversial and is in such a state of flux and the Tribal Council can change so quickly that I feel it would be foolhardy for us to accept as a permanent part of this resolution statements which could be changed tomorrow. I believe the three WHEREASES are misleading in that they state with certainty things which cannot be known or predicted. I ask you to accept my amendment and strike them from the resolution. Mr. President, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: I yield my time to Senator Hoagland.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland, will you take Senator Pappas's time?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, if I might, Mr. President. I take the blame for these three WHEREAS paragraphs. I wrote them and I also take the blame for not having discussed this with Senator Goll ahead of time because I think if he understood...if we had had an opportunity to discuss this and he understood the purpose of those three paragraphs, he might not have moved to strike them at this time and maybe over the lunch hour we could resolve this issue between us. Let me give you a little bit of history of my concern about gambling on the reservation. I don't approach this issue of retrocession as an advocate as I usually do. Usually when I give a speech on the floor I try to advocate one position or another and today I am not going to be doing that on this issue because I find it very difficult. In the end, I am going to support the resolution and I will explain after lunch at tedious length why. But I think what I would like to do right now is simply explain why I think it is better for us to leave these three WHEREAS paragraphs in. One of my principle concerns about retrocession from the beginning is, will it broaden the authority of the Indians in Nebraska to set up a gambling operation? You know, a couple weeks ago we took the Judiciary Committee up to stop by the