

and abet the promotion of gambling. Now I do know that Senator Hoagland has had that concern totally and absolutely, irrevocably, permanently forever allayed by an Attorney General's Opinion which has held that retrocession has absolutely nothing to do with whether or not Winnebago Indians may conduct gambling; that without retrocession the Winnebago Tribe may conduct whatever kind of gambling the state allows; that with retrocession the Winnebago Tribe may conduct whatever kind of gambling the state allows. It doesn't make...retrocession makes no difference on the gambling issue. However, when Senator Hoagland and other members of the Judiciary Committee treated with the tribe, which was something that they in effect were charged by this Legislature with doing, they, in effect, exacted from the tribe some representations on the part of the tribe that the tribe had no intention of conducting any kind of gambling activities that were outside of the law. And given that bargaining process that took place, Senator Hoagland wisely inserted in the retrocession resolution the terms of the bargain. For us now to remove the terms of the bargain would be equivalent to once again the white man breaking a treaty. So this is one of those instances when we would want to leave these three paragraphs in the preamble to the resolution. I would urge you to vote against Senator Goll's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I rise to support Senator Goll's amendment and maybe for reasons that are a little different. I don't know how many of you listened to what Senator Goll said, but he made a couple very important points and they are so accurate. The whole area of what can or can't be done on Indian reservations is up in the air with one federal court and one jurisdiction going one way, with Attorney General's Opinions on the state level making conclusions hither and thither, and with federal intervention in the form of statutory changes attempted by different congressmen, for example, Congressman Bereuter. The entire area is completely up in the air, and if you pass retrocession, then don't pass it thinking, well, this is going to happen, or that is going to happen, or this is going to happen, or because we put some little preamble on a resolution that said, you all be good little Indians and don't do anything we didn't want you to do or that we frowned on or that we aren't doing on our side of the line,