

should be allowed in the area anymore than it is in any part of the state. But this will open the door and we'll be having gambling in the state for sure and then the rest of us will say, well, we want it too because we don't want to be discriminated against because the Legislature gave it to the Winnebago Tribe. So for this reason, I object to the bill in the first place and I support Senator Goll's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Speaker Nichol. Senator Pappas, please.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I would like to have everybody listen very, very carefully once. But because we've been going round and round in circles and apparently nobody is listening to what are the true facts. Now, granted, I know there are certain people in this body, there are certain people in the press that think there is a slot machine under every rock and every crevice which is getting a little bit on the old and tired side, which I'm the first one to admit, retrocession was an issue back in 1969. There was no gambling in the State of Nebraska now. They wanted retrocession. They wanted their own freedom. But unfortunately, since then Nebraska hasn't enacted laws which would allow them. Now if you'll listen very carefully now, there can be no more gambling than is presently permitted under Nebraska laws after retrocession than before. So if anybody wants to make an issue that it is a gambling issue, retrocession, they need to just kind of once in their life take time to look under what the present laws are in Nebraska today. what is happening and what will happen. Now, granted, I know Senator Hefner talked about the couple that left his area. Now if I am correct, I think they were from the Santees which is presently under your government now, so they're not under retrocession, they weren't under tribal authority. They were under just the way they have it now. But apparently it was bad enough up there, they left anyway. Now I don't know what kind of neighborhood you have up there, Senator Hefner. I noticed you made the comment that we made a mistake in making the reservations in the first place and we probably did because we forced the Indians in some of the most unlivable areas there was. And the reason the Winnebagoes are where they are at now, I don't know if anybody remembers, is because where they were living was so inhabitable they were basically dying off and they were chased down the Missouri