

reasons at the present time. One, I do believe that the gambling issue is part of the question and I am concerned about the laws being enforced by the local police in case of retrocession, but I have a bigger objection to the whole issue of retrocession which was basically expressed by Senator DeCamp. Instead of passing legislation that maybe help continue the reservation life, I think we should be going the other direction. Like many of you, I have seen a lot of...a number of reservations in the United States and I really haven't seen any reservations where the life on these reservations was a credit to anybody. And I cannot see that we are going to improve those situations by retrocession or going in that direction. In fact, I think we delay it. I think we ought to be looking at measures to bring the Indian tribes into the mainstream of the life in this country. I realize there have been all kinds of treaties in the past, some ill-conceived, hastily conceived, many of them broken and I would not question the statement made that most of them are probably broken by the white man. But I don't think a continuation of this type of thing is going to improve the lot of the Indian nations. If they are going to enjoy the good life that we have in this country, I think we should be going the other direction and trying to do things to bring them into the mainstream and retrocession I think goes in the other direction. So I would urge you to oppose retrocession at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Remmers. Next to speak is Senator Chambers followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is one of those issues that really touches the very core of the philosophy of this country and this society whether or not people have the right of self-determination. Now, if you look at America as being a white people's country, then you'll always say, yes, the people have a right to self-determination because white people are controlling everything. But when you look to those people who are not considered white and are denied all types of rights and are held up to humiliation and scorn and receive unequal treatment at the hands of the law, those are the people who would say, no, we do not have self-determination. There is a requirement in Thurston County that county board members be elected by district. Do you know why that occurred? Because there was a lawsuit in federal court and the judge found that the discrimination