

DeCamp offered this morning about lawlessness, terrorism and attempts to intimidate other people and subjugate them.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That happens in this country, this county and this state at the hands of law enforcement people. But on this issue of retrocession we need to realize that we're talking about human beings who have been subjected to dehumanizing circumstances and by granting retrocession the state is not losing anything. Contrary to what people are saying on this floor, if an illegal activity is occurring on the reservation, the duly constituted law enforcement officers of the state can enforce the law. If a felony is committed, the tribe does not have jurisdiction over a felony.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Your time is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The federal courts do. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Sorry to interrupt. Next to speak is Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm not too enthused about this resolution. I don't even think we should have it before this body at this time and this is the reason that I'm going to oppose it, and let me tell you why I'm going to oppose it. I don't think we should grant retrocession to the Winnebago Tribe. For one thing we're going to drive up the cost of law enforcement because we're going to have two systems. We're going to have the state law enforcement and we're also going to have the Indian enforcement. Somebody made the statement that it wouldn't be additional cost. In fact, I think one of Senator Pappas's statements was that we would save many dollars and that would run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Well, let me tell you, as taxpayers in the State of Nebraska and taxpayers to the federal government we're going to be supporting both of those law enforcement agencies. Reason number two, think of the farmers and businessmen that are located on the reservations. They are going to have to live by two sets of laws and you know how hard it is for the Legislature here to live on one set of rules. We've been arguing the last week and a half on just the rules to