

uncertainty in what laws will be passed. Only the tribal council has final say on what constitutes a misdemeanor on the reservation. We can only sit back and hope they pass good laws. The state will be powerless to define what is a crime committed by an Indian. But more importantly, the non-Indian residents of Thurston County many of whom may be victims of crimes will be powerless to define minor crimes committed by Indians.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR GOLL: Number three, retrocession will create uncertainty in law enforcement by setting up an entirely new police force staffed by new people. We cannot guarantee competence for their officers. The cross deputization agreement signed with the Nebraska State Patrol will allow the Winnebago officers to arrest non-Indians for violation of state laws within the reservation, yet neither the State Patrol, not the county would have any discretion over the training, qualifications or discipline of those officers and allows the State Patrol to arrest Indians for violation of federal and Indian laws only inside the reservation. They still cannot be arrested or prosecuted under state law. They would of course be tried in either Tribal or Federal Court. How much time do I have left, Mr. Speaker? I have only just a little left.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I beg your pardon?

SENATOR GOLL: I have only a little left, Mr. Speaker. How much time do I have?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Without objection, we'll give you a little more time.

SENATOR GOLL: Thank you. Number four, retrocession is not universally supported by the people who are living there and will be affected by it. The non-Indian population is opposed to retrocession and the Indian population is not unanimous in support. I would like to read to you an excerpt from the Walthill Citizen, a letter to the editor, signed by, "Concerned Enrolled Omaha Tribal Members", and because of my time allotment I will not read it all. The police officers that are hired have no previous training and never finish the program if they do go to one. Our reservation has become a haven for criminals. We hope the