

Congress allowed a number of states including Nebraska to assume authority over the civil law and criminal offenses on Indian land in Nebraska and that policy went on for 20 years, 17 years to be exact, when Congress changed its mind and said, the State of Nebraska and other states, and other states, could cede back their authority...

SENATOR HANNIBAL: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: ...to the federal government and that's what we are about to do today. We are about to cede back our criminal authority to the federal government. We are about once again to give voice to that which our forefathers gave voice to 200 years ago in recognizing the sovereignty, the integrity and the independence of the Indian tribe in this great nation. The Indian tribe is no different than a sister state and I am proud to be a part of that long stream of history, recognizing the sovereignty of the first people of this country.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Debate has closed. The question is the adoption of the amended version of LR 57. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? A roll call vote has been requested. The Clerk will call the roll. A reverse order has been requested.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken as found on page 355 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 21 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The resolution has been adopted. The call is raised. What is next, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, if I might, I have some materials to read in. Mr. President, your Committee on Constitutional Revision and Recreation offers a notice of hearing for Friday, January 24. That is offered by Senator Rupp as Chair.

Mr. President, your Miscellaneous Subjects Committee gives notice of hearing for Thursday, January 23 and Friday, January 24. That is offered by Senator Hefner as Chair.

I received a confirmation hearing report from the Public Works Committee. That is signed by Senator Schmit as Chair.