

those all reposed in the State Historical Society at this time, those items that you are talking about, the 1,054?

SENATOR BAACK: These items are all State Historical Society ones, because in many cases, the way that the bill is...the way that the committee amendments are written now, many of the other entities that may have burial goods or remains do not have the documentation available to trace those goods to a specific skeletal remain, and in those cases, they would not go back because they don't have the documentation. Some of the smaller museums do not have the kind of documentation that the Historical Society does.

SENATOR SMITH: That is good to know, because as you know, I am sure that everyone in here have been receiving calls, letters, and so on from museum directors across the state. I happen to have a museum in Hastings, and had a conference call just yesterday, and I think they have some misconceptions, then, because their understanding is that they will lose a lot of their artifacts and those kinds of things. It would be based on whether or not they could be identified, is that it?

SENATOR BAACK: The documentation has to be there so that they are readily identifiable with a specific remains. So there has got to be some good documentation there.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, very good, thank you. Now, then, the next question is, are there, and maybe...I don't care which one answers this, but just for my own information, do we have other kind of skeletal remains of any other group than Indians in the museum in the Historical Society and in our museums across the state?

SENATOR BAACK: Do you mean besides Pawnee?

SENATOR SMITH: Beside just Indian remains, because it seems to be a bill that has become a battle between the American Indians and the historical societies. Maybe, Ernie, could you answer, or, Senator Chambers, could you answer that question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, and I don't mind being called Ernie. Aristotle, Plato and Socrates had one name. Ernie is fine so I don't ever take offense at that.