

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Previously I had asked the question about what period of time would really be considered prehistoric or in a historical context, and I wanted to do this just primarily for the record here, and the archeologist from the State Historical Society has provided that for me. Prehistoric is prior to any written, written record. In Nebraska, the date is about A.D. 1700. Therefore, what we are talking about are only skeletal remains and burial goods from about A.D. 1700 on. Anything prior to that wouldn't be included in this bill, and I'd...just for a point of record.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Did you finish what you wanted to say, Senator Owen Elmer? Your next light is on in case you... Now that is the last speaker. Who wishes to close on this? Senator Baack, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, I do. Mr. President and members, I think that, you know, once we get these committee amendments adopted, because it does narrow the scope of the bill and I think we should adopt these committee amendments. They were well worked out and a lot of work went into these and a lot of detail, and I think that we have narrowed the scope of this bill substantially, and we have worked on some agreements with the Native American Rights Fund and we have got the scope narrowed down to where I think it is very workable. I would appreciate it if we would just vote in the committee amendments now and then we can talk about the bill as it is, and I know that there is some other amendments to the bill that will be coming forward. So then we can kind of talk about the history of the bill and some of the things that have gone on in working with this bill over the last few weeks. But with that, I would just urge you to adopt the committee amendments and then we will go from there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Government Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. May I introduce some guests, please, that have just come in the south