

your votes along those lines, that if you're voting yes, you're saying, we want a result, we want to return their goods, but we want to honor as best we can the competing values by making the parties return to a discussion one more time to give us a final, a final draft and a final negotiated result as best as possible that reconciles those because we will act, we will pass this bill and both parties better recognize that at some form. Reject the Warner amendment, pass the bill today, bring the parties together, let them work it one more time and pass a bill that tries as best we can to rationalize both values rather than simply picking one winner over the other. I'm uncomfortable with that. This body should as well.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Baack, followed by Senator Labeledz and nine others. Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to Senator Warner's amendment. I think that Senator Landis has done an excellent job in talking about what our choices are here. I think that I agree with Senator Landis that we can write the kind of language that would be very specific and we can narrow that down. It's not easy to do. It takes a lot of time and a lot of work, but it can be done. I think that I'm going to have to talk a little bit about my involvement in this issue. I've had a number of members asking me about my involvement and the press has dealt a lot on my involvement in this issue. The issue came before the Government Committee and at the hearing I think it became obvious to me and obvious to some of the other members of the committee that throughout this process the Native American Rights Fund had never been given a proper airing of their views on this thing. They had always been having to be at meetings where Dr. Hanson or the Historical Society Board was in charge and they were never ever on an equal playing field. They never ever got to have their issues aired before someone who cared and before someone who was willing to work with their issues and willing to compromise on these issues. Therefore, I called the two parties together and we had a discussion for a couple of hours, two, two and a half hours. We came out of the discussion and we had an agreement and what happened after that probably, for me, gives more meaning than ever before to the old saying, "White Man speaks with a forked tongue". What happened after that was Dr. Hanson, who had specifically agreed and we have tapes and everything that he agreed to the fact that he would support LB 340, but he could more actively support it if we were willing to add some