

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and no matter how much or little I say on these three minutes, I won't have my light on to speak on this amendment again which I oppose, by the way. But like Senator Baack, I also have a degree in history which I took from Creighton and at the time I went, in order for us to graduate we had to complete successfully oral and written comprehensive examinations so I don't want to try to match credentials against credentials and I haven't gotten into any personalities either, but there are some of us who have studied history, who have read history, who have some understanding of what it is that we're talking about and the thing that has troubled me the most, and I've mentioned it to some of you, is that those associated with the Historical Society suddenly want to pretend not to understand what some of these terms mean and that is what has prolonged the discussion, has made the debate in some instances acrimonious, because one thing is said one time, then something else is said on the other. Today, to the glory, I hate to use such an overstating term, of everybody who has spoken, I believe that there has been an attempt to keep this on a very high plane focused on the issues that are before us. On many occasions since I've been in this Legislature, I have uttered bitter and angry words and directed them at white people in general, sometimes specific individuals, and when that occurs it may appear that I fail to recognize that not every white person is the same, that not every white person is responsible for some wrong committed by another white person or a group of them. So I want to make it crystal clear here that I recognize, the Native Americans recognize that throughout history even when Indians were being treated the worst there were always some white people who tried to see that the laws of this country, the basic principles and tenets of human decency were observed with reference to our Native American brothers and sisters. So, if anything I've said has indicated that I put all white people in a certain category on this issue, that is not the case and it couldn't be the case based on the support that so many of you have given before we even got to the floor on this bill to try to put it in a form that would be understandable and workable. A comment or two on Senator Warner's amendment, I'm opposed to it, but we have many issues...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that we deal with legislatively and it's