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PRESIDENT: Just a moment, let's have a look at that, Senator Warner. We're still looking for eight people, Senator Warner. I believe the Transportation Committee is meeting. We'll have a look at that, Senator Warner, in a few moments here. If you want to hold up...

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Mr. President, I'll go ahead and make my presentation. It is not my intent to not close because some people are not here. Obviously, we all recognize the circumstances.

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Warner, did you say you were not closing?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, I will close.

PRESIDENT: Okay, all right.

SENATOR WARNER: As I've been listening to the discussion, I have a sense that at least some of you have some concern that further amendments for clarification are needed, and I think you're correct that that is exactly the case and is the reason for the amendment to start with. As I was sitting here I was looking around at our ceiling along the edges. You know, we honor our past, every time you walk into this building I am conscious of honoring the past and I genuinely believe that retaining many of these items, and I have no idea what we're talking about not retaining, but I know there is surely a number of items. But I know, at least I believe something will be lost. Comments were made about the Historical Society. I believe if it were not for a few individuals, much of our history would have already been lost. Most of the items that are in the Historical Society were not given to them by people who were out trying to desecrate the past, they were trying to preserve it because if their motive was something else, they obviously would not have turned it over there. So by whatever means they may have used as we would look at it today, nevertheless, their intentions obviously was to preserve. The issue is that we should make the decision on a moral and religious basis and I guess that's my problem too because that is the basis I would like to make it, but I don't think I can define it, and I don't think anyone else can define it either. The issue is, in fact, what are burial goods? That really is the issue. And I think in that process without any question,