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SENATOR KORSHOJ: Okay.

SENATOR BAACK: ...dealing with a mechanism set up for disputes. There were a couple of other ones. I can get you a list of those, there were a couple of other ones.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: No, I was curious about that and I don't want to take any more of Ernie's time, other than I was in the hearing when we had this four and a half hour hearing and the people that weren't in that hearing, I think they should know and realize and maybe some of the historians like Schimek or Chambers can explain this to us because it has never been brought up. When a lot of this stuff was exhumed, the Pawnee were there and give their blessing on it and I want to know what has been the big change? Why did the Pawnee be there and give their blessing? Does history tell us the answer to that? I'm curious of that. We've got pictures of the chief with Asa Hill and what...

PRESIDENT: Half a minute.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: ...has evolved is what I'm...since that time happened? Maybe there is no answer to that. I'm just curious.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I'm going to try to be very brief. First of all, the Pawnee were out of this country before their cemetery started being desecrated because there was no longer anybody living in these towns. There was nobody tending the burial sites. A.T. Hill bought these sites from people who had them as a part of their farms, so even if they could contrive a picture of an individual who they would call a Pawnee Chief and represent to you that this meant the Pawnees approved of that, that picture does not justify that conclusion. And the majority of these burial sites were found on land that was claimed to be owned by farmers. That is where A.T. Hill got it and that's where a lot of the bodies came from.

SENATOR KORSHOJ: Well, that was really my conclusion, it was just a question because it has never been brought out. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's all I have.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis, please.