

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think we are proceeding towards a vote on this. It's now the opportune time for me to renew what I think is the appropriate course of action for us to take. In rejecting the Warner amendment, it seems to me the bill now says we're going to return the skeletal remains and some portion of the burial goods. I would not say that we've reached closure on what that is. I appreciate Senator Bernard-Stevens withdrawing the dispute resolution mechanism because I think a good working dispute resolution mechanism ought to be the product of some discussion by both parties as to what is fair rather than imposed in this situation. My admonition to this body is to do this. Vote the bill along to Select File, thereby make the statement that we intend to make a legislative resolution. That legislative resolution will include skeletal remains. That legislative resolution will include some portion of the burial goods. I think there are others who share my concerns that the definitions can be improved, that maybe the timing schedule in the bill should be examined, that a dispute resolution mechanism ought to be agreed to and that both parties have to sit down and discuss it under the aegis of some member of this body who we could agree to, to serve as the mediator or the convener of such a group. To vote positively here, to me, means to open the round for a final or another round of negotiations and improvement in this bill. I'm voting only for a couple of ideas. I'm not voting for every word in this bill when I vote for 340 this morning. I think there should be one more round of discussion, but I want both parties out in the lobby to know I'm going to vote for a bill that accomplishes these ends, return skeletal remains and return some portion of the burial artifacts in a way that is sympathetic to the goals of the Indians' religion and does the best that we can in preserving Nebraska history. Those are my intentions by voting green on this motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please. He is excused. Senator Korshoj, please. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, members, time is running out. I'd only echo Senator Landis's concerns. I do support LB 340, but I also do with the caveat that although I opposed the Warner amendment, I feel he made excellent points. I think most of us recognize what he is saying is true, that as Senator Korshoj talked about, there were a number of conditions the Historical Society wanted to see as part of this bill that