

Legislature. I guess I am going to have a question, perhaps of Senator Baack, based on what you just said. I was one, obviously, I may have done so on the floor, if I didn't, I did it otherwise, who expressed some concern about the role of the public counsel and I think I raised the constitutional, at least, a question to that basis, and I was going to write, and primary because this does not just include, obviously, a state agency, but a number of agencies which, or entities, which are not related to the state in any way. And it is my understanding that there had been a letter written to the Attorney General for clarification of that, and by that reason, I did not write one to get clarification. Is there a letter pending, do you know?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, there is. I wrote a letter and it is still pending, as far as I know.

SENATOR WARNER: So that issue, I mean you apparently have visited with someone that you feel there is no problem, but, at least, it has not been technically done?

SENATOR BAACK: Right, correct, I visited with Gene Crump about it, and my impression of that meeting was that there isn't a constitutional problem there, but we do not have a written letter back yet from him.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I, you know, I have some concern even aside from that. It seems to me what we are talking about, as I have looked at some of these other proposed amendments as well, it seems what we are talking about is a finding that you really would want to rely upon technicians, as technicians are disagreeing, apparently, experts, scholars, and under those circumstances, it is hard for me to believe that the public counsel has either the background or the knowledge to do that kind of a review. Obviously, it is not a legal question which is what they are trained in. It is, as I understand it, a scientific question. It seems to me a scientific question ought to be reviewed by a scientific body rather than legal counsel, and if that cannot be resolved, then I guess you go to the courts to get a legal definition as to where things are. But I have looked at some of those records and I know, obviously, I am no expert whatsoever, but as I read them, it seems very fine lines as to what may or may not be burial goods, and one which, obviously, it takes a scholar to define, and I would be hesitant to think that the public counsel is the one that would have the kind of background and training to be able to equitably resolve