

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, do you want to take...do you want me to take it?

SENATOR GOODRICH: That is all right, go ahead and finish.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. ...is that the Governor, technically, is an ex-officio member of the Historical Society, and she has, at this point, stated in writing that, I hope I am correct in saying this, that, you know, she feels that should be something that the board, itself, does. So she is saying that, hey, I am an ex-officio member, I don't think I should be put in a position of doing that, let alone appointing one. The other thing I would like to point out is there are more tribes than the Pawnee that would have something to do with the intent of 340, and the Indian Commission does not, to my knowledge, represent all of those groups. So we would be excluding some of the groups from having representation because it would be coming from the Indian Commission at some point, and those are some of the reasons why I would have a philosophical problem.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Would you think that, for example, if we would automatically, instead of saying the third member being somebody they could agree on, we would actually make that third member the director or the head of the History Department of the university or something like that, pick somebody that we could all sit around the table and pick out?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Your time is up, Senator Goodrich. Senator Wesely, on the amendment to LB 340.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, just to outline for you what I think the issue is before us, we have a concept embodied in Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment which calls for the Ombudsman or the public counsel to rectify differences of opinion. Clearly that focuses in on an issue of concern to Senator Goodrich, and myself, and a number of members here, that you are, obviously, in a dispute that you don't have common ground on, that we will need to have some way to resolve the differences. This is the first of the ideas. That idea Senator Goodrich talked about is the idea of having, as he mentioned, the State Historic Preservation Officer, who, I don't know who that is, the Executive Director of the Commission on Indian Affairs, and then