

Bernard-Stevens does have that clarified with the Attorney General's Office. If that is so, then I would really not have much difficulty notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Marshall (sic), at the present time, is not perhaps any more uniquely qualified for the responsibility than would most people or many people who might be appointed to that responsibility. I have distinct problems with those committees as created perhaps by Senator Wesely or Senator Goodrich. Those committees, in my opinion, are weighted toward the Historical Society and against the tribal members, and the third member will never be an individual which will be unbiased, and I just say that in some of the same vein as Senator Wesely mentioned in regard to the natural bias of the public counsel. I don't believe it is a natural bias of the counsel, that he feels that perhaps because of some experience the counsel might be, in this instance, somewhat biased. But I want to emphasize that for the most part the tribes will always be in the minority position and in a weaker position than will be the society or anyone else who might happen to possess the goods or the skeletal remains. For example, the tribes, the Pawnees in particular, and most of them do not live in this state, if something is discovered, then, of course, the actual knowledge of the discovery, in itself, although the law is very clear now, I believe, may not be, in fact, a matter of reportability, and all of the items may not be turned over even for the decision which we would hope would take place. I think you have to remember, it was only a few months ago that I was out to the Mahoney Park. Mr. Mahoney showed me the Pawnee burial ground that they had discovered. It was isolated. It was surrounded by a wooden fence. There was a historical marker there which outlined the history of the tribe, and some of their habits and how they survived and lived in this part of the country many years ago. This represents to me what I think is the way that most Nebraskans would like to see such remains handled. They were not disinterred. They were not pawed over. They were respected, just as I would hope that any other remains would be respected, and I am sure that Mr. Mahoney and his Game and Parks people could have unearthed the remains...

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...and they could have put them in a museum and they could have capitalized on them, but they took a totally different approach, one which I think is far preferable and one which I think we ought to try to encourage. So what I want to