

give even more, and then we have another meeting where they give up more, and my frustration has always been the Native Americans have given up more than I think they should have given up in the first place. They have given up way more than I think they ever should have, but they have been so reasonable in trying to get this worked out, and the Historical Society has not moved an inch for whatever reasons they choose to create. I get very frustrated, but I don't get frustrated on both sides. I do not have that same frustration on both sides. I have the frustration on the Native American side that maybe they have given up too much, and they should have just said, what the heck, let's go to the courts and win it there and take it all. Because I suspect, reading the Attorney General's Opinion, that they might be able to do just that. Yeah, I have a frustration. Senator Warner raises an interesting point on the technical aspects of it. Senator, I will give you two examples of where I would have to question your comments on that. Number one, we, in the Legislature, will be dealing with ag land valuation; centralized valuation; budgets of state agencies that we have no clue of what they do; state colleges and procedures; Kearney, should it become higher education; welfare; social security. We are not experts in very few of these fields, and yet we, with our staff, with our wisdom, with our judgment, with whatever we can do with the talents God gave us, will make the best human decision possible, and we can do reasonably well in those circumstances. If we said, if we made the...if we followed Senator Warner's comments to their fruition, we would be saying to judges across the land, any case that you don't have the expertise or technical background in your mental capacity, you cannot make a reasonable decision on that, you can't come to a conclusion because you don't have the technical background. And yet we allow judges to look at evidence, that they have no clue in the beginning of a case. They read, they study, they evaluate, they have staff, they do what they can and they make the best decision that their talents can allow them to make, and that is the best we can do in a civilized society and in the legal system we have. The Office of Public Counsel is no different, and I have looked at the records myself and I am convinced that any member of this body could sit in a position of the Office of Public Counsel and make a wise, fair, and solid decision on the evidence as to whether or not it is specifically stated in the record it goes back to a bone.

SENATOR LABEDZ: One minute, Senator.