

unearthed remains, they have...usually they are non-Indian remains that they handle in this fashion, like there was a lady who they felt had died in 1898. She was a non-Indian and they sought out relatives to see if they could find any, and I don't know whether they did or not, but if they had, they were going to return the remains over to those relatives, and that failing, they would reinter the remains. There wouldn't be a problem here because at the time the remains are disturbed the Historical Society and these others would be notified immediately so there wouldn't be the problem of separating what was found with those remains from the remains. Everything stops immediately and you bring in the Historical Society, the County Attorney, and whatever other person, you know, the landowner. So what I am saying is, since that is the process that the law as we are considering it puts in place for Indian remains, have the same procedure for all remains. Where the language is located in the bill now, it applies only to those Indian remains that are discovered. I want it to apply to all, so if we would have a problem, we would have it now, but it is only in reference to Indian remains. So I am saying the procedure that is being established by this bill should apply to all remains, no matter what they are. Then whatever method is used to resolve the dispute should it arise will be the same method no matter what the remains are. Currently, I don't know whether they could just keep these other remains out of the ground forever. I am not sure. Maybe they can't. Maybe they have to rebury them immediately if they are non-Indian, but if you accept the amendment that I am offering, we at least know that the process by which remains will be handled when they are unearthed in the future, that process will apply to all remains, whether Indian or non-Indian, and that is basically what my amendment does. It doesn't describe burial goods, define them, or touch any of that.

SENATOR WARNER: My only question is, what occurs...is there a process that will define the burial goods. The skeletal remains, that is not an issue with me anywhere in this bill in any respect. It is, just does the inclusion of burial goods, is there any process that will define that...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, Senator Warner...

SENATOR WARNER: ...and since it is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Excuse me.