

would not be allowed in there, the United States government would say, well, since the settlers are there, we cannot protect your rights. You are contaminated by contact with white people, so for your own good pick up and move further. Entire nations were displaced. They were put on forced marches. Hundreds of them literally died, women, babies, old people of disease, exposure, and starvation. As they marched through some of these white areas who had stolen their land from them, they even became sympathetic because they had never seen such an atrocious thing done to a group of unoffending people. Now we have a modern day situation where the Indians have backed up time after time after time on this bill. They have been subjected to insult after insult by the Historical Society Board and in the newspapers, and they are continuing to give ground. Whenever there is a negotiating session, it starts from the premise of what can we make the Indians give up again, not how are we going to move from point A over here and point B over here to the center. If the Pawnee have arrived at the position stated in the resolution that Senator Landis handed out to us, I believe them. I accept them. I have no reason, based on ancient history or modern history, to make me doubt their word.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But in looking at the agreements and the discussions and the meetings that have occurred this session between members of this body and the Historical Society and the results of those meetings, I have no reason in the world to trust the word of the Historical Society. They will have the time that they are asking for without us changing anything in the bill. I support Senator Baack's amendment. Seeing how accommodating the various representatives of the Indian nations have been to date, when they have been under every type of provocation and yet they have been very reasonable, I have no reason to doubt that should they be persuaded that there should be legitimately an extension of that date, they would grant it, and they would probably grant it when I would not. I am in support of Senator Baack's amendment and I hope we don't heap an additional indignity based on arrogance and insensitivity on these long-suffering people.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Question.