

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 340 was discussed by the Legislature on Thursday, March 23. At that time Enrollment and Review amendments were adopted and there were amendments to the bill by Senators Bernard-Stevens, Chambers, Baack and Conway that were adopted. I have a series of amendments pending, Mr. President. The first is offered by Senator Wesely. Senator Wesely's amendment is on page 1169. Senator, in addition to that, I believe I have an amendment to your amendment, if you'd like to take that up at this time. Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend his amendment. (Wesely amendment appears on page 1343 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, there is two parts to the amendment and I'm going to ask that the question be divided and handled separately. The two parts of the amendment deal with the two concerns that I've had with this bill after the General File debate. The first question deals with the problem of how do you administer disputes and we will get to that question shortly. I'd like to skip to the second part of the amendment and that deals with the question of how long we give to the Historical Society to review their inventory before having to return those to the people requesting the remains and the burial goods. The problem is that we've reached an impasse on this issue to some degree because the original bill called for the return of these items in September of this year. The Historical Society made the argument that they couldn't possibly review these materials and return them in that time frame. Senator Warner has talked about extending that for one year into 1990, from 1989 to 1990, but the original request and the original concern from the Historical Society was to allow for three years to review these materials. It's a very important issue because I think, as we clash between the requirements of religious freedom and scientific examination of these important materials, we have that clash that we've been battling overall through this bill. And I think the compromise is to return those burial goods and to return those remains and at the same time though to make the reviews necessary for science to gather the information that is vital to their interests. It seems to me that that is a reasonable thing to do. The question is how much time do we need to allow for that. Again, the original bill called for September of this year. There will be a