

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, on your amendment to the second part of the divided Wesely amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, yes, that is what I was just discussing. This amendment would have asked for a three-year delay, not...instead of the current provision of September of this year, having the remains and burial goods returned. Three years, I think, is what was requested by the Historical Society and mentioned by the Attorney General, but I think is probably too long a period of time, well, it is too long a period of time. In addition, the amendment also calls for, as they do the review and complete the review on any particular set of remains or burial goods, that once that review is done it should be returned immediately to the requesting party so that they don't sit on everything until the full time is up. But, again, I am asking that a year and a half, not a three-year delay be included in this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the Wesely amendment to part two of the divided Wesely amendment. Senator Chambers, would you care to discuss it? Followed by Senators Baack and Schmit. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Baack had a series of amendments the last day we were here and he withdrew one of them, anticipating Senator Warner's amendment which was going to extend this period to one year after the effective date of the bill. I believe that is the way it would be worded. And I had talked to Senator Baack and the others who have been strongly supporting this bill and working on it and in view of the representations made to us by the Pawnee Tribe in terms of how much time it would take to acquire land and do certain other technical things that must be done before any reburial could occur, a year is not unreasonable. It will not upset the apple cart, so to speak, that had been understood by all of us as having a certain construction. I hope you will defeat Senator Wesely's amendment which would make the period of time 18 months, then defeat his amendment that calls for a three-year extension. So I would like to see his amendment to his amendment that he is offering now defeated, then his three-year amendment defeated and then I would give my support to the amendment that Senator Warner had said he was going to offer Thursday when we were here, setting the period of time as one year. There is not much more to be said on this issue and I won't go into the points that we've discussed so