

he told us, then his amendment is as superfluous as the one that we agreed to withdraw the other day because it was unnecessary for what it offered could be done without it. I'd like to ask Senator Warner a question so that I can be very clear on what we're doing here.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, are you of the opinion that any remains disinterred prior to 1933 cannot be linked to the groups or individuals who, under 340, would be entitled to have those remains returned to them?

SENATOR WARNER: Number one, it certainly was my understanding that, or it is my understanding, that burial goods records are such that they cannot be linked or associated with, based on what I have heard on the floor discussion. It may well be that there could be skeletal remains which I have a different feeling about, as I have expressed on the floor; conceivably could be, but I just know of no conversation specifically how broad that is. Actually, I'm thinking further beyond items that they go back a good many years, because at some point it seems to me that the likelihood of being able to make identifiable and scientific identification of remains that are several hundred years old could become highly speculative, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Senator Warner, under the terms of the bill, isn't it true that the remains, that's what I'm talking about first, must be traceable to a tribe or an individual? When it's an individual, whether Indian or non-Indian, under 340 that is what must be done before the remains can be turned over to anybody.

SENATOR WARNER: That's my general understanding of it, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And are you of the opinion that remains retrieved prior to 1933 can or cannot be traceable to some particular tribe or some particular individual?

SENATOR WARNER: My impression is that the records of, prior to the...other than the Hill excavations are in doubt. That is my impression.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if there are not records and if there are not scientific means to trace these remains to a relative or a