

burial goods do not. So if Senator Warner's amendment applied only to burial goods, it would still have no significance. It would be redundant because if they're not linkable to a set of remains, they don't go back. On the other hand, if they are linkable to a set of remains, then this is a disingenuous amendment because it seeks to undermine and destroy the intent of the bill which is to return those burial goods that are linkable to a set of remains. So in any case, however the issue is discussed, Senator Warner's amendment should not be adopted. First of all, if we're going to take it at face value and view it not as an attempt to gut the bill, then it's unneeded because unless the remains are traceable, they don't go back; unless the burial goods are linkable to the remains, they don't go back. If, on the other hand, the attempt is to undercut the bill, I think that goes against everything that we have discussed and agreed to up to now and on that basis it ought to be defeated. As a legitimate amendment, it is totally unnecessary. The provisions of the bill take care of what he says he is interested in doing. As far as the disputes and the arguments, we're not going to do away with those through this bill and the proof of it is that we're setting up a dispute resolution procedure. So there is no statutory provision we're going to put here today or at any other point that will end arguments and if, for the purpose only of reducing the number of disputes, we're going to cut the heart out of a moral principle that we had agreed to or an ethical principle, if you will, namely that the remains of all people will be accorded the same respect, if we're going to hold to that principle we have to reject his amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Additional discussion, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think if I listened carefully to the argument, Senator Warner is after the issue of the burial artifacts which were disinterred prior to 1933. And Senator Chambers on that point says, well, that is superfluous because that is what the bill says. But the way the amendment is written it covers the skeletal remains and the burial goods. Would Senator Warner yield for a moment to a question?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, would you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.