

will withdraw this amendment at this time and address the issue as proposed by the follow-up amendment that should come up shortly. So I'd move that the...or I'd ask that my amendment be withdrawn at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: It is withdrawn, thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Warner. Senator, this is your amendment that...it's AM1024, appropriates some funds. Pass over? Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senators Bernard Stevens, Chambers, Baack and Landis. (Amendment appears on pages 1347-48 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the committee. Senator Wesely has given you a brief overview, let me see if I can recap just a little bit of what we did last week to set the stage for this particular amendment. Last week we agreed to an amendment that would set the Ombudsman as the person or the agency, or the entity, if you wish, the Office of Public Counsel, that would look at dispute resolution. There was some concern opposed by that, other people suggested a committee might be a better way to go and there were some concerns still with that. Working with Senator Landis, Senator Wesely and others, including Senator Chambers and Baack, there came to be emerging a consensus, if you will, of a, hopefully, what would be an acceptable compromise to the body. That would be in amendment 1064, and that again is the one that adds the names of Bernard-Stevens, Baack, Chambers and Senator Landis. I think Senator Wesely would have been on there as well if there had been more time, if he wasn't offering another amendment at that particular point, and would have had a chance to read it. But nonetheless, amendment 1064 that you have in front of you, in essence, sets up a two-prong system where we say that there is a time period where each side needs to exchange information if they have a dispute over what should go back and they also then need to, if they cannot agree, then they will have a committee of three people, one by the Historical Society or whatever other agency is the one that holds the item; another person on the committee will be one chosen by the Pawnee or whichever other Indian tribe or Native American group that has a claim. The two of them, within fifteen days, must agree upon an agreeable third party. If they can not reach that agreement on