

other words, there is something good for science in LB 340 and 340A, if that amendment gets adopted. I intend to support this bill, advance it to E & R Engrossing, take up the A bill, and I am very interested in pursuing the amendment that Senator Warner has on the A bill to make sure that there is not only the careful balancing of the interest of the sacred beliefs of the Indians with the legitimate concerns of the scientific community for a period of time for adequate study, replication, and analysis of skeletal remains and burial artifacts. Ultimately, I think that is what we are about to do in 340 and 340A. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I would like, for the record, to issue a warning on LB 340 and to express a concern that I have with the understanding that I plan to vote for this bill. I have attempted on a couple of occasions to bring amendments on this legislation, and in working with different senators, we have come to resolution of the concerns that I had. First off, we do have a delay of a year in returning and the mandate there I think is less than I'd like but is certainly better than what was originally in the bill. In addition, the arbitration mechanism is one I think can work, hopefully, will work, but it may not work. I am not sure at this point, but at this level I feel satisfied enough with this legislation and I plan to vote for it. But I also want all of us to recognize we have been through a very arduous, difficult negotiation and battle over this issue, and it has brought two sides at arms against each other in a fight that is very unfortunate I think for all of us, and anytime you have an issue like this, you have a result that I don't particularly think is good for the Legislature, and that is that we tend to not want to get back into the issue, and here is my fear. I plan to vote for the bill. The bill, I hope, will advance and over it will go to Final Reading. There it will be brought together with all the amendments we adopted on Select File. It will be reviewed and looked at. It is possible that we will find some problems and we will need to bring the bill back and amend it. Hopefully, if that occurs, this body will be willing to do that. Let's say that doesn't happen. Let's say the bill is in good shape and it is ready and passed on Final Reading, and then off it goes, and is advanced and becomes part of our law. The fear I have there is that we go through this process and we have