

changes. I know that I am one that is not afraid to come back. If we find things that are wrong with it, if we see, at Final Reading, if we see things that are drastically wrong with it, we will bring it back and make the changes that are necessary because this is a big piece of legislation. Next year, if we see things that aren't working well, I'd be willing to work on that and come back next year and make the changes that are necessary to make sure that we implement this thing and that it works properly as we go. I think that, you know, we have seen both sides try and negotiate, try and compromise a little bit. I think we have seen a little more compromise on the part of the Native Americans than we have on the Historical Society but they have something to defend there. You know, they have their own reputation to defend there as the keeper of Nebraska's history, and I understand that. You know, we are all interested in Nebraska history, but I think that now we have come to the time when we have a chance to vote on 340, now is the time that we need to do the right thing, and I think the right thing, in this case, is we vote to advance 340, we vote to give back the remains and the burial goods that are identifiable with specific remains. It is a chance right now that we have to finally let the spirits go of these captives that we have kept in the Historical Society. Now we do have a chance to do that, and I think it is definitely the right thing to do. So, with that, I would urge you to advance the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. There are no other lights on. The question is the advancement of LB 340 to E & R Engrossing. A machine vote has been requested. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: May I close?

SPEAKER BARRETT: You certainly may, for closing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Members of the Legislature, and, Mr. Chairman, I will be as brief as I can under the circumstances. It has been an arduous, difficult path that we have walked but I think all of us have learned a lot more about this issue than we knew before we came to it and, probably, we, as a body, have learned more about a subject by dealing with it about which we knew very little when we started than any other bill that has ever come before us. There have been some activities that I might describe as soul-searching and introspection, and I believe that people are placing votes that reflect their genuine beliefs. I am not going to tell the story