

Landis, Bernard-Stevens, and Schmit.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I support the amendment. I think it is offered in good faith and I think it carries out what has been the goal for the floor debate on this bill and that is a careful reasoned balancing of two very significant interests, and this A bill amendment seeks to further that to make sure that in that window of opportunity that we give people to study, replicate, and analyze our holdings that we have the means to do that so that this year can be profitable for those of us who care about science and those who want to see its work go forward as well and the analysis be completed. Towards that end, I certainly intend to support the Warner amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Warner, would you answer a couple of questions that I may have?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: If I can.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I suspect you can very ably. I guess I am a little...I am wondering, does all of the money that you have, I guess I am specifically looking at the 10,000 for site selection and the 40,000 for the acquisition, would that money specifically go to the Historical Society, number one; and then the other question I would have for you is, if the money, which I suspect it does, if it goes to the Historical Society, would they, in fact, own the land because that will make a difference on how I view the amendment, on if the Historical Society would actually own the land that would be used for the interment.

SENATOR WARNER: I suspect, Senator, that that would be a necessity under the Constitution if you were going to have state funds used to purchase. Now I recall the handout that Senator Landis sent out, and I don't have it right in front of me, but I believe the suggestion there was that the supervision of such a site should be under...I believe it might have been a federal entity, maybe Senator Landis can recall, but, obviously, we would have no process to do that. I would assume that once a...I am assuming that the time lines that are now in effect, at least this would provide the funds in which the process could be