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developed. It may well be that you would have to find a way to transfer that responsibility in some fashion to a different agency, if the Historical Society is inappropriate, but I know of no way that we could appropriate funds to a nonstate agency.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Warner. I guess some of the concerns that I have on this particular motion on the A bill is I guess I am not convinced yet that the appropriation is necessary. I am not yet convinced that certain lands won't be donated to the Pawnee or other entities. I am not yet convinced that there might be some federal funds coming down, and I am not yet convinced that we need to put the appropriation in now, particularly since we have a delay period for study, and what have you, of at least a year. And I kind of question whether or not we need this at this particular time, and the other thing I would like for the body to at least consider on this particular issue, we have had such difficulty working with the two groups or having both groups work together that I am not quite sure I am comfortable with, if we agree to the amendment and the money goes to the Historical Society, I am not totally comfortable with the fact that they would own the land to which all of this, basically, would focus around. I know I don't have any reason not to be, it is just that I don't have any reason to think the Historical Society would not act in very good faith in these areas, but I still am relatively uncomfortable with that aspect of it now, and I am particularly uncertain as to whether or not the appropriation is necessary at this particular time. I might point out that one of the other possibilities we would have is that if we want money to go to site selection that a more apropos place for the money to go might be the Nebraska...the Indian Commission, who is certainly closer to the tribes in regards to what type of land, where, and how it would be done. But I wanted to at least express those concerns, at least initially, before we got to a vote on this particular amendment. I thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I would concur to a certain extent at least at this time with what Senator Bernard-Stevens has said. I appreciate, and I am sure the tribes appreciate the interest and the willingness to make an appropriation for the acquisition, but on the other hand, I believe the tribes have a certain amount of pride in their own ability to fund the acquisition of the land and I am sure that