

they might agree to some kind of an appropriation, but I think at least the site selection process ought not to be a responsibility of the Historical Society. The Historical Society would really not be the entity that would be most qualified to make that selection. Certainly the tribes, themselves, and, as Bernard-Stevens has mentioned, the Indian Commission would be an entity to which the money could be appropriated and then administered thereby and the particular interest of the Pawnee people, who do not at this time have a residence and presence in Nebraska, but the Pawnee tribe, plus the three tribes that are recognized in Nebraska, could exercise that site selection process, and I think in view of the particular expertise they possess would probably be the most qualified to do so. I think that the same is true for the acquisition, the actual acquisition cost. I think that the tribes would probably prefer to do that themselves and I have spoken with several of their representatives and they wanted me to be sure that Senator Warner and the Appropriations Committee understood that they do appreciate this willingness to appropriate the money, but, on the other hand, I think they have a particular desire to be more involved themselves and to be involved independently. Insofar as the salaries that we are concerned about, I would have to take a look at this again, because there would probably be some justification for some salary appropriation there to carry out some of these responsibilities and I am not sure that I have any objection to that, but I think that I would object at this time to the \$10,000 that goes to a site selection committee, small as it is, the Historical Society. I think that we have discussed many times the concern that exists between the various entities, the lack of a close working relationship, to put it genteelly, I think is well documented, and certainly I can't imagine that I would want the Historical Society to select my own personal grave site. They might find something that is not appropriate to me, if I even deserved burial, but I think that the most important thing is that these particular responsibilities, the site selection and the payment for the site, probably ought to be tribal responsibilities, unless, of course, we saw fit to appropriate the \$10,000 to the Indian Commission. I would like to talk some more and visit some more with Senator Warner and others about the 54,400. I apologize, I was not here for much of the debate but...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.