

discussion ought to go forward outside this body to see what kind of arrangements are appropriate. I think it is entirely possible that that, too, is an idea that with some discussion we could adopt at another time. Senator Warner's intent here I think is excellent and the body should accept it. This bill needs to balance two different interests, not simply exonerate one, and this amendment goes, in my mind's eye, towards balancing those interests by making this year a valuable year for science, as well, by paying necessary salaries to do appropriate study. I support its adoption, ask for its adoption by the body.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, would you care to discuss the Landis amendment.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, would stand in support of the Landis amendment, and would also add, along with Senator Landis, the point that the second part of the amendment, which deals with the purchase of a site for burial I think is a legitimate offer and it is a legitimate issue, I think. I believe Senator Warner did make the issue, the argument persuasively to me that this is something that needs to be looked at and I also would second what Senator Landis so rightly said, and that is that we are here not to be advocates of any particular position but are here primarily to balance various interests and come up with public policy that is fair and reasonable. I think Senator Warner has offered his amendment. I am sorry he withdrew it because I think it merited discussion, and I, too, believe, as he, that we have in this state a public policy which should be fostered and that is the preservation of historic things, and the Historical Society has in the past and continues to address that need of our state. So I would, at this point, endorse the Landis amendment and would also encourage Senator Warner to bring back the first part of his amendment at some later date so that the body, or else discuss it, this issue, at some later time off the floor so that possibly we, in the body, can be given another opportunity to take a look at it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the Landis amendment I don't need to discuss because it appears that there is going to be support for that to pass anyway, or to be adopted, but Senator Warner brought forth what they might