

call a sticky wicket. Why couldn't the money be appropriated to the Nebraska Indian Commission if the state is insistent on doing something along that line? I would hate to see the Historical Society own the land where the disputed items will be placed because then we could just generate additional strife. But since we adopted Senator Warner's earlier amendment saying that there has been a year extension of time before these remains and burial goods have to be turned over, we have another session before that date will be reached. That date is September of 1990. So whether land can be obtained from the federal government, donated land, if all of that fails, the Pawnees would still be in a position to bury the remains and the goods outside of Nebraska. I wouldn't want us to adopt in an A bill language that seemed to mandate that the reburial occur within the state. The way the language is written in Senator Warner's amendment, it really doesn't do that. It says that they would seek a burial site, but there is no obligation on the part of the Indians to accept it nor is there an obligation under the law to rebury within Nebraska. So rather than our trying to resolve all of that by rewriting an appropriation bill on the floor of the Legislature, I would much rather, since they are weighty issues in and of themselves and there is time to properly deal with them, accept Senator Landis's amendment, let all of the talk of the site selection and the purchase of a site be reserved to another day, and not necessarily during this session. And that is about all that I have to say on that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, further discussion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will also support the Landis amendment, which is actually the first portion of Senator Warner's amendment and, again, agree with both gentlemen and with Senator Ashford who believes that there ought to be something done in this area. But I would like to just mention in conjunction with what Senator Chambers has said that I believe we ought to seriously consider, prior to the passage of this bill, whether or not we should appropriate the \$10,000 for the site selection committee even this year and do so, direct it to the Indian Commission, because it could very well be that we could use that time or the tribes could use that time very profitably to investigate a proper site, if it turned out that they wanted to provide for reburial within the State of Nebraska. I don't see why it would not be possible also for the state to contribute some money toward the purchase of that site, but I would have to say also that the tribes would never agree that the State of Nebraska own