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the land and that is it is not impossible, of course, for that land to be acquired and placed in trust under the control of the tribes. I am sure the tribes would prefer that but I think that we would be in order to discuss further both the \$10,000 appropriation and the \$40,000 appropriation if, in fact, the body wanted to make those kinds of appropriations, but I want to emphasize that I do not believe the tribes would agree at any time to state ownership, and I think there are mechanisms in place whereby we can make those appropriations to the Indian Commission for a specific purpose and that could then be carried forward. I think it is important, however, that we do not just let the entire issue remain in abeyance because whether the skeletal remains and artifacts are reburied within the State of Nebraska or otherwise might well depend upon whether or not a suitable site might be found, and I think that that work could begin almost anytime. So I would support the Landis amendment and encourage further discussion of the second half of the Warner amendment, but, again, I want to emphasize that tribal representatives have told to me that they are deeply appreciative of this recognition of an obligation, perhaps, by the State of Nebraska toward the tribes. It is just the manner in which it might be carried out that is somewhat sensitive to them. I think insofar as we are attempting to work out arrangements between the Historical Society and the tribes, it behooves us to go this extra step and try to certainly work out an equitable and satisfactory arrangement to the tribes for the most important portion of the entire process, and that is the manner in which we determine how the ultimate burial shall take place and where it shall take place.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Landis, would you care to close on the adoption of your amendment?

SENATOR LANDIS: Briefly to tell the body the sum of money is \$59,000, that it represents \$41,000 of new money compared to what the bill originally held in it, and I would urge its adoption.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is the adoption of the Landis amendment to LB 340A. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Landis's amendment.