

obstructionist and I think that they're getting themselves in a very dangerous position, if indeed the courts come back and say they're not a state agency, or even if they say they are. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I just wanted to add a little more to what Senator Baack indicated. As I understand, Senator Baack, the lawsuit goes a little bit further than that, at least from one explanation I have had, and that is there no argument or no test whether or not that on June 10th that the material or the information will be turned over. As I understood it, the open meetings law, as it is applied in this lawsuit, is whether or not access to the tentative list or as the list is being compiled, and then on June...the issue in part was is there a conflict between the fact that they have to provide it by June 10th, which I do not believe they're contesting in the lawsuit. But whether or not the open meetings applies to those tentative lists is being compiled. So...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, your light is still on, do you care to...thank you. Any other comments? Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you like to close?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Just a couple of further comments, that it is very important, I think, for any institution to have good relations with its representative government. And I think, by the discussion today, and if one remembers the discussions that have gone on in various committees, whether it be Appropriations or Government Committee, and discussions that certainly went on last year, regardless of how this issue in the next one, two, three years ends up, the one thing that is certain is that there has been much harm done between the relations between the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska Legislature. Great harm has been done and it's been unfortunate because many of us who are tremendous supporters of the Historical Society and the intention of what its role and mission is have been so frustrated and angered by the last previous couple of years that it has driven us to points where...I don't mean to sound threatening because I don't mean to be, but it's driven us to points where things may begin to happen at some point. And whenever we get to that stage of the game, both sides always need to step back, look around a little bit, take a deep breath