

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all, I rise to support this amendment. I want to thank Senator Schimek for her suggestion and for her working out this cooperative effort. I think the amendment is good for what we're trying to accomplish and I think it will encourage further support. I thank you all. I would just comment to Senator Chambers that his comment stating that he had a difficult time talking about nothing may surprise some people. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I support the resolution, but I want to ask Senator Coordsen a question.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to, at the appropriate time, deal with Senator Preister's remarks. (Laughter). Senator Coordsen, it seems pretty clear that once these remains, if there are any that are forthcoming, are deposited with the Smithsonian Institution for the...Institute for the pur...Institution for the purpose of identification, the intention after that identification has occurred is not that these remains would stay there but that then they would be disposed of in the way that the remains of military personnel are to be disposed of, meaning an appropriate manner.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It would be my understanding that they would be disposed of in a national cemetery as an unknown soldier, sailor, whatever, in the manner that all of us have seen those remains respectfully and adequately interred.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I have another question. This relates to syntax, not s-i-n t-a-x, but s-y-n-t-a-x. In the third line, well, let me read the language before that, "That the Legislature urges that the respective branches of the armed services be assigned to resolve these issues and that any and all future remains", I don't think we mean what it says that we expect there to be activity in the future that will result in the remains of Americans but rather remains procured or returned in the future. Is that the sense of the resolution?