

I SUPPORT [SB 189].

The Tribal folks have a point concerning their body parts.

I asked my orthopedic surgeon the other day, when he replaces my "worn-out. artificial knee" with a "brand-new knee" if I could have it back, to make a "door-stop or paper-weight." After he stopped laughing at me, he said the hospital wouldn't allow it. Why not?

Once the pathological laboratory folks get done with their analyses, organs could be placed in a jar with formaldehyde and given back. I don't rightly know how they would sterilize: legs, arms, feet, toes, fingers and hands but, I'm sure such procedures must exist for use in Medical School applications. But, my "worn-out artificial knee" could easily be autoclaved and thereby "sterilized" from any disease.

I can't figure why this is such a big deal giving the Indians back their body parts. Unless, keeping their body parts is "pay-back" for all of the "scalps" they have taken over the years.

Keeping body parts is not uncommon. Many, many years ago, the "Māori" Tribe from New Zealand made "shrunk-human-heads" taken from people they didn't like. There are no reports of anyone getting a disease from this procedure. And they sold them to merchants at a reasonable price. The "Shrunk-heads" were so profitable they kept making more of them until the practice (murder) was made unlawful. Nowadays, the "shrunk-heads" are museum pieces located throughout the civilized world.

So there you have it. Pass [SB 189]. The Indians will be grateful and so will I, whenever I use my "worn-out artificial knee" as a "paper-weight and or door-stop."

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Mr. Oregon Concur...Where can I buy a real "shrunk-head?" I swear...really, I won't show it to anyone "tripping-out" at a Psilocybin Treatment Center located in rural Yamhill County....Honestly, I won't. You can trust me.

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