

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the discussion on this bill reminds me back to another bill we just passed about a week ago. It concerned another group of individuals. They were called sanitarians. I know many of you learned in the process what a sanitarian is and they called for twelve hours annually of continuing education and I thought that was a good concept and Senator Hefner gave the introduction to this bill and talked about the background and the fact that the embalmers wanted it and they felt it would upgrade their profession. It sounded just like my speech on LB 542 and of course I couldn't help but find irony in that comparison and looked back at the Final Reading vote on my little bill and found Senator Hefner and Senator Goll who both support this bill didn't think that was a particularly good idea in the case of the sanitarians and I find that a little inconsistent but nevertheless, I felt it was good then and I am very open minded and easily forget those that transgress and so I think probably I will support this bill but just to pimp you around a little bit, Senator Hefner and Senator Goll, I don't forget very easily on some of these things.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hannibal, we have four speakers and five minutes. You are up, Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I don't want to run the time out so we were joking a little bit here as to why should we have continuing education for sanitarians and for funeral directors and not have it for physicians and attorneys. I would like to have, if you are going to close on this thing, I would like to have you explain why that is more reasonable or more important. I am not asking you to respond, Senator, just if you are going to close, then please answer it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: First thing I will do, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature is answer Senator Hannibal's question. The reason you have continuing education for funeral directors but not doctors is because a funeral director walks in the footsteps of the doctor, but my point is that on Select File there are some concerns I do have about the concept and I will raise them at that time and I just want to alert Senator Hefner. But it also seems strange to me that thousands of years ago the Egyptians perfected embalming and in 1983 it has not been perfected yet so I am going to get you to talk to your embalmers for me and find out why they are so slow.