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than some of them, notice I said "some", are gouging right now so I am opposed to the advancement of this bill.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members, I think you are missing the whole crux of this bill. Senator Hefner, could I ask you a question?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Certainly.

SENATOR CLARK: Didn't the Funeral Directors Association bring this to you?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, they did.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you.

SENATOR HEFNER: And what they want to do is upgrade their profession.

SENATOR CLARK: I know what they want to do. They want more members to join the association. That is the whole idea of it, is to have the members join the association. That is the kick that I have had from the funeral directors. They don't want to join the association but they are going to have to if they have to take this continuing education. That is what the whole bill is about. Thank you.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Mr. President, I have tried to stay out of this because I'm sitting back here extremely confused. This has been forty minutes and I think Senator Wesely's bill on continuing education for sanitarians, that did exactly the same thing, probably took forty seconds each time it flew. Like Senator Hannibal, two years ago I was concerned about this and I found that the board that governs this is exactly the same as sixteen other boards in the Bureau of Examiners. It is a Bureau of Examining Boards. It is not a Board of Control and that Examining Board has the authority to set up certain statutes, rules and regulations, determine education prior to licensing, to set up state boards when the Bureau of Examining Boards originated. Now comes the concept, dentists have to have twenty-five hours continuing education, all of the health care professionals have to have continuing education. The