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LB 94

Embalming and Funeral Directing so that there are no due process problems as I understand it. With that I would move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR LEWIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LEWIS: You have heard the proposal on the adoption of the committee amendments. All in favor of adopting the committee amendments will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Lewis voting aye.

SENATOR LEWIS: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR LEWIS: The amendments are adopted. Senator Cullan, there are other amendments pending but I think we will start out with you explaining the bill first and then we will go to the amendments, if that is satisfactory.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, thank you very much, Mr. President. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, LB 94 is a bill which came to the Public Health and Welfare Committee as a result of the sunset process and the bill deals with the Board of Embalmers and the Board, I forget the name of the other Board, the Board of Examiners for Funeral Directing. Through the process the Appropriations Committee or the sunset review committee proposed the bill. The Public Health and Welfare Committee had a hearing on the proposal in December and decided to introduce the bill with some amendments and there are some differences between this and the actual bill presented to us by the sunset process and we have incorporated some of these amendments through the committee amendments that have been adopted. What this bill does is several things. First of all, this bill merges the Board of Examiners in Embalming with the Board of Examiners of Funeral Directing. Currently there are two boards and the membership of the two boards are the same. However, officially, the two boards are separate. LB 94 merges the current two boards into a single board and their funds are also merged. The combined board would be responsible for examination of embalmers and funeral directors and for the inspection of funeral establishments. Secondly, the bill makes some changes with respect to due process procedures for license revocations for embalmers and funeral directors so that these due process procedures