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would be the same as for all other professions and occupations licensed by the State Department of Health. Thirdly, the bill provides for license reciprocity to be granted for funeral directors and embalmers with other states. Currently embalmers do not have reciprocity with other states and funeral directors do. Fourth, the bill, and this is one portion of the bill which may raise some controversy, the bill does allow for the reuse of caskets if the merchandise is identified as being reused. The bill also changes the membership or provides that the membership of the new combined Board of Examiners would include four individuals, one of which would be a lay person appointed by the State Board of Health. Also the Board of Examiners in Embalming and Funeral Directing would be continued which is necessary under the sunset provisions and the last thing that the bill does is make some changes with respect to advertising in newspapers and so forth to conform the advertising regulations of the embalming and funeral directing professions consistent with U. S. Supreme Court decisions. That basically is the bill. I would certainly be welcome to any questions or to discuss amendments which I understand are forthcoming.

SENATOR LEWIS: All right. Senator Cullan, amendments on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, first of all, Senator Wesely moves to amend and his amendments are on page 850 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you can find my amendments to LB 94 on page 850 of the Journal. It is a very simple amendment. It is intended to do a couple of things. Primarily it is to correct an inconsistency in the law because presently the act of funeral directing includes amongst its different duties cremation and also in the bill, though, it has a provision that doesn't allow any sort of reimbursement for cremating. So what we are trying to do is to allow a funeral director who has a crematory to be able to charge for that service which seems like a simple amendment to me. There is also another part of the amendment that allows a funeral home to also not only have a crematory but also under some circumstances a cemetery so that you can have a situation where a funeral home would be able to deal with the entire process involved and this is very difficult to talk about. But what we are talking about is