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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 94 was a bill introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read LB 94.) The bill was first read on January 5. It was referred to the Public Health Committee. We considered the bill yesterday, Mr. President. The Committee amendments offered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee were adopted. There was an amendment offered by Senator Wesely, which was adopted. I now have pending amendments offered by Senator Haberman, and those amendments read as follows: On Page 19 strike the new matter beginning with the word "without" in line 4 through the word "used" in line 5. Those are offered by Senator Haberman.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the amendment. Fellow senators, if you will stop and examine and read LB 94, you will find that it allows used caskets to be used over and over and over. My first point is a very delicate point, and sincerely hope that I do not oppose anyone. Many times a body leaks fluid in spite of a body being enclosed in plastic undergarments. This can stain the casket, and although the material inside the casket, the blankets and everything else can be removed, the stain won't go away. I will not go into the health hazards this could cause. My second point is the funeral homes. You go into any community and the funeral home is the most beautiful place in town. The lawns are mowed, the place is painted, the shrubbery looks nice. It's a beautiful establishment. Now with that picture in your mind, can you imagine right across the street, or next to it, a big sign that says, Sam's Used Caskets...Save Hundreds of Dollars and Buy a Good Used Casket. So you go over to see Sam and he says, we have three. We have the new used, the second used, and the thrice used. Which one would you like to have? Fellow senators, I feel that this could happen, and I ask you to adopt my amendment, which merely removes used caskets. The rest of the bill is not harmed. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you want to speak to the Haberman amendment?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, I do Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and