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LB 94

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed with the emergency clause attached. That concludes Final Reading for this morning. Now, Mr. Clerk, do you have anything to read in? Okay, we are ready to go to General File, item #6, and the Chair would, without trying to penalize anybody, hope that we can keep within the time allotted as nearly as possible and we will proceed with LB 94. Will you bring us up to date on LB 94?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 94 was a bill introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Title read. The bill was read on January 5. It was referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. The committee amendments were adopted by the body on March 14. There was an amendment offered by Senator Wesely which was adopted. The bill failed to advance on March 15, Mr. President. I now have a series of amendments, the first being offered by Senator Wesely. Read Wesely amendment found on page 1033 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: This is in regard to an amendment on page 850? The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise in somewhat of an embarrassing situation. I am moving to strike an amendment that I proposed and which you adopted several days ago but I decided after consultation with a number of individuals that it was a mistake and that I put you under some undue stress in lobbying efforts that were not at all the intention of that amendment. The amendment, if you recall, just basically would allow a corporation to own both a cemetery and a funeral home. Evidently, also included in that amendment were some provisions which I didn't accept and which I don't believe were...are part of that amendment which I acknowledge may have been included without my knowledge and that is that it would allow preneed solicitation for funeral homes which basically is very bad because you have individuals going around to older people or maybe in hospitals or something saying we could sure use your business upon your death which is really ridiculous and that is absolutely out of line with what I wanted to see with that amendment but I decided since it was my mistake, it was my miscalculation, that I ought to be the one to stand up here and say I am sorry. I hope that you will take that amendment out. I hope that you will accept the fact that I did make a mistake and I hope that you will realize that this is very unusual and I rarely make them, but when I do make them, you can be assured that I will be the first one to stand