

would like to mention. If you look at page 8 of the bill there is language that says, embalming is not required by law, and this relates to informing of individuals who purchase these services, that embalming is not required by law except in limited circumstances and it is not to be performed without authorization from a legally responsible individual except in those instances where it is required by law. The inference here is that there is state law which requires that embalming be performed and I can fail to find that in existing state law. So here we are saying that they must be notified that embalming is not required except in certain circumstances. Yet I can find no certain circumstances where embalming is required in state law. Following that, the same thing applies to the caskets. Maybe Senator Chambers can explain this, but the same thing applies to caskets. Purchase of a casket or special form of casket such as a sealer casket is not required by law except in limited circumstances, and again I cannot find state law where purchase of caskets is required. So what I am saying is that there are a number of things and there may be others, I don't know, but there are nineteen pages of amendments here on General File. This is a completely separate thing above and beyond what was comprehended in the sunset process. It is a complete reform of the rules and regulations as they apply to morticians and cemeteries and so forth and I think that Senator Chambers may well have some good ideas in his bill, in his amendments but I think we ought to wait until next session. Senator Chambers can introduce a bill if he feels this strongly about it. It can go to the Public Health and Welfare Committee or whatever committee is appropriate. There can be a public hearing. Those individuals concerned can testify, present their evidence to the committee on the contents of his bill or amendments or whatever, but I do believe it is improper for us to add nineteen pages of amendment, what I consider to be a totally separate bill, to a sunset bill. Now what we could do, of course, is adopt Senator Chambers' amendments and return the bill to committee for a public hearing but I caution you against that. This is a sunset bill. If we do not pass this bill this year, the Board of Examiners is eliminated, and if they are eliminated, then we have no regulation over those activities. Now Senator Chambers may have some good ideas. Frankly I haven't had time to reach an opinion on Senator Chambers' amendments but I think we ought to wait until next year and do it in a more orderly process. I think the bill as written is a good one including the reuse of caskets and some of those other things and I think we ought to proceed with the original bill and reject Senator