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LB 94

Chambers' massive amendments to this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the bill as a whole. The Chair is going to try to get at least one vote on this bill before the sixty minutes or the thirty minutes are up. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, Mr. President, I would like to yield my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fowler. I am sorry.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, I would like to yield my time to Senator Chambers on LB 94.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Mr. Chairman, Senator Cullan, the reason some of these propositions that you mentioned are still in the bill, I have reviewed this very carefully and I know that the morticians, undertakers and cemetery people will be upset. So the reason the bill is drafted in the fashion that it is, there might be certain limited situations where they can persuade members of the Legislature that there should be a casket. Maybe they think that where a contagious diseases are concerned, there should be mandatory embalming, and if they would decide to do that, the means for doing it is already here in the bill. They might decide that there is a certain way that a body must be shipped, and in shipping, maybe somebody who is going to ship it will say that we should have what you would define as a casket and we went through some of these similar things the other day, but instead of getting hung up on those points which I think are ancillary and can easily be handled, because if you don't want to have any situation where embalming will ever be required, that can be done by an amendment. If you want no situation where a casket can ever be required, that can be done. But I think the most substantial issues relate to the kind of information which is going to be given to the public. So what I would like to do, if you don't mind, since the Speaker wants to obtain a vote, would you look at the first thirty-nine sections. They contain definitions and I don't know that any of the definitions would run afoul of anybody's objection. So what I will do at this point, since I said I would go step by step, I have given you the overview, I am going to mention the terms that are defined, and if you want any discussion of these terms aside from what is contained in the definition, we will deal with that,