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matter of the operation of a given agency or department, that material should be made a part of the consideration of the sunset bill and, therefore, I am in favor of Senator Fowler's motion.

SENATOR LEWIS PRESIDING

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, about three years ago some representative of the undertakers came to me and they gave me this two or three hundred page bill and said, well, this just straightens out some things and makes the burial procedures a little better and helps the citizens and I kind of foolishly then got all the members of the Banking Committee to sign the bill and then the bill got introduced and then all hell broke loose. One of the things we found in there was Senator Wesely's famous amendment and a variety of other things. So I have been gun-shy ever since then about how we handle the dead and I have stayed out of this issue completely up until now. But apparently it has still got a lot of fire in it and a lot of questions to be answered and since the sunset provision, as I understand it, wouldn't apply for a year and a half, I guess I'd feel a little more comfortable if we sent it back to the committee where we took a little of the life out of it yet so it doesn't have quite as much controversy and so it can maybe be resolved on some of these important matters. So I'd support the Fowler motion.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise also in support of Senator Fowler and Senator Chambers on this matter. I want to discuss further the question of funeral homes and cemeteries in this state about as much as I want to have a case of the hives but I think that it is an important problem and I, for one, as a member of the Public Health Committee would request that the bill be sent back to the Public Health Committee because that is where the matter should be discussed and I think that it would have the appropriate hearing and I think would be carefully considered and I, as a member of the committee, would urge you, if you do refer this back to a committee, refer it to the Public Health Committee and I do think it is important enough that we ought to take the time to look at it and do a good job on it so I support the Fowler amendment.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Dworak.