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on this issue. The amendments are before us, and I don't think any of us can talk Senator Chambers into withdrawing them, so they will be considered in some way or another. They will either be considered by us here on the floor without the benefit of that public comment and discussion and the time for people to react or they will be considered, if this amendment is adopted, by the committee and I guess I would still like to see it stay in the Public Health Committee because they are the one most familiar with licensing boards, to be considered by the committee and then we could have their recommendation about those and we could also have the benefit of public comment and so on. There is no rush on this bill. I think I was under the misconception and several people were under the misconception that this agency would indeed terminate July 1. Well, they will terminate but they will still be around for a year performing all the functions that they are doing now. So I think then if we are sincerely concerned about the consumer in this area, then I think we should address Senator Chambers' amendments. I think probably the best way to address those amendments is first to have a public hearing on them rather than us trying to deal with them here on the legislative floor amendment by amendment as we did today. So I would hope that you would support this motion to send the bill back to Public Health Committee for a hearing so that the funeral directors could get what they came in originally and asked for and that was they said we need more time on these amendments, and if that is indeed what they want, if they are willing to openly consider them, then I think we should give them that opportunity. So I would urge you to support my motion to return this bill to the Public Health Committee.

SENATOR LEWIS: All right, the question before the House is the Fowler motion, and, Mr. Clerk, read that motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion reads to return LB 94 and all pending amendments to the Public Health Committee.

SENATOR LEWIS: You have heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Lewis voting aye.

SENATOR LEWIS: Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Are we still under Call or was that Call raised?