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LB 94

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...this is not Senator Cullan but, Pat, would it be appropriate for me to withdraw my offered amendment? Is it still pending?

CLERK: The one that you had from last year, Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

CLERK: Yes, sir, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, can I withdraw that and then we will have a clean procedure before us.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I ask unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers wishes to withdraw his amendments. They are withdrawn. Now, the Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I believe the second set of committee amendments are pending so I will address those and I will also address the bill in a general sort of way as it relates to those amendments and other things so that we can move along with this particular piece of legislation and to expediate the moving of this bill. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 94 came to the floor of the Legislature on February 12 of 1979. It was debated on General File and it advanced. It went to Select File where numerous amendments were proposed to the bill and it was debated for a good deal of time on Select File on more than one occasion. Then the bill was returned from Select File to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for review, for amendment to address some of the concerns that were raised on the discussion of the bill on the floor last year on General File and Select File. This bill is a sunset bill and the main purpose of the bill is to renew the authorization to continue the Board of Examiners for the funeral directors and for the embalmers. There have been three public hearings on LB 94, one sponsored by the Appropriations Committee in the process of the sunset review and two sponsored by the Public Health and Welfare Committee. During the interim months, we have requested input from individuals who expressed concern about this bill on the floor of the Legislature last year and from the public. We have received no input from any of the sources that raised concern about this bill last year despite the requests that we have sent out. Even