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though we have received no input and no suggestions for amendments or no additional input on this bill, the committee did adopt some amendments this year, and the amendments that we are considering right now do two things. First of all, we prescribe in statute that statements, itemized statements, be provided to the families of a deceased individual by the funeral director or the embalmer listing in an itemized fashion the expenses associated with the funeral and the embalming. This is a consumer oriented amendment to show very clearly what the costs are, what they are paying for so that they know what the services cost them and what is actually being provided to them. It is hoped that these type of amendments will allow individuals to reflect on the price, to give some consideration to it and, hopefully, to make the cost associated with this a little more reasonable. It is also to ensure that there are no hidden costs or no unnecessary charges so that the consumer knows what he is paying for. At the present time, well, the second amendment that we adopted and that is before you under consideration now is the application of the consumer protection act to the funeral directors and embalmers in the State of Nebraska. At the present time, no other health care profession or occupation are under the provisions of the consumer protection act. The consumer protection act which begins with Section 59-1602 states that unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce shall be unlawful. It is a very comprehensive act and sets out remedies for unlawful methods of competition or unfair or deceptive acts in the practice of the trade or profession. There are two avenues of relief under the consumer protection act. The Attorney General can bring an action in the name of the state alleging an unfair or deceptive trade practice. The costs and attorney fees may be recovered under this bill, under the consumer protection act. Money or property, real or personal property can also be recovered. In addition to the action which the Attorney General can take to enforce the provisions of the consumer protection act, any person may bring an action to enjoin further violations, to recover damages which includes attorney fees and costs, and in addition to that, the court can award punitive damages for violations under the consumer protection act up to \$1,000. So we are providing remedies here that are not available to any of the other violations or not available under any of the other health professions or licensed professions which are under the Department of Health. So we have taken a step, I think, with these two amendments to be as consumer oriented as we possibly can to ensure that deceptive practices