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on this matter on the floor will suffice and I intend to get into a dialogue with Senator Warner a bit to get this into the record. The other part which is the first part of the amendment, what their concerns are, and the first amendment clarifies the fact that the Board of Examiners of Psychologists would retain the authority to guide the Health Department in areas of professional competency, thereby retaining some of the autonomy in strictly professional matters. It is the intention of the legislation to retain the board's functions to the board from the Department of Health. I think here again after looking at the matter closely, I think that through legislative intent, through discussion this morning on these amendments that we can get very clearly into the record just exactly that these things will be handled in the manner that the School of Psychologists will want and that perhaps we don't have to take up additional legislative time, bring the bill back to Select File, amend it and delay further time. So what we have kind of agreed upon here this morning is to discuss it a bit. Senator Warner, hopefully, will take the rest of my time. I think Senator Cullan has some remarks. There might be one other person. Hopefully, we don't have to spend a lot of time on this. After the discussion I will withdraw the amendment clearly having into the record the legislative intent on these two concerns and then we can go ahead and vote on 958. I think, quite honestly, that should alleviate any of the concerns that anybody would have on this issue. Now, Senator Warner, if you would like to take some of my time to comment as you wish about what I have just discussed, just feel free.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan. We are speaking on the Simon amendment. We are speaking on the Simon amendment to....

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I yielded the rest of my time to Senator Warner if he had any remarks in terms of legislative intent on the two issues. I think as Chairman of the Performance and Review Committee, he....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you want to make some comments on Senator Simon's time?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, that's the first time I ever got anything from Senator Simon, yes. No, that's not true. Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, just briefly, the concern about sunset, at least our...the legal staff I have seen that the Legislature at least does not feel the concern is valid, and that the sunset provisions will