

have you. It is an issue that has been before the Public Health Committee periodically over the years. I passed out a memo which shows that there have been six or seven bills, in each case referred to the Public Health Committee, to deal with this subject. The most recent bill was about two years ago. Public Health dealt with that issue dealing with eye tissue. It was a cornea transplant issue. That bill was LB 60. I was on the committee. Senator Withem was on the committee. Senator Barrett was on the committee. Senator Peterson was on the committee. We all and other individuals dealt with that issue. It was passed in 1983. Now at that time there was some debate about the issue. There were those that opposed it. Among those opposing the issue was Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers now sits on the Executive Board and remembered that bill and when this bill, from Senator Marsh, came up, dealing with the same subject matter, expressed lack of support for it, is the best way to phrase it, and suggested that it go to Judiciary Committee. The report from the Research Director, Jack Rodgers, was that this bill, as all other bills dealing with the Anatomical Gift Act, be sent to the Public Health Committee. But Senator Chambers prevailed in the Executive Board and it was sent to the Judiciary Committee rather than the Public Health Committee. I disagree with that action. I think that the Public Health Committee has dealt with that issue. It is a public health issue. It does deal, in part, with the question about...the legal question about death and dying and when that decision is made as to donate your body or your organs for science. But nevertheless if you look at other committees, you can say almost any bill that is in here is a legal issue. If it is a bill, it deals with the law, if it deals with the law, it is a legal issue. At what point do you stop sending bills to the Judiciary Committee? The question about anatomical gifts and donating parts of your body or your organs for science is a health issue. You help people by donating your cornea when you may die, to help others who need a cornea transplant. You help others if you donate other body organs when you die. To have that ability to transplant into individuals who are still living, who have need of that organ, it is a health issue, has been a health issue, and raises legal questions that can be dealt with in the Health Committee. We dealt with them two years ago. I really think the subject matter is a health issue. Now I also realize what is really going on here. Senator Chambers doesn't like the bill. I think that is why he wants it in Judiciary Committee. He has legitimate reasons