

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, Senator, isn't that true of just about every youngster that goes to college today, that a lot of times after they get out of college they determine after a few months in the business, gee, whiz, I guess I didn't want to be a lawyer. I had a legislative aide that went to law school, and after he got out of law school, he hated it.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: However, Senator Higgins, he gained some knowledge in school that will serve him in another area of any business profession, whereas because of the peculiarity of the embalming business, this would almost be a year wasted.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Well, I don't know. I think you would learn about anatomy, I would hope that he would, as an embalmer's apprentice.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: For instance, what if the boy wanted to enter law school afterward, would anatomy help him?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Oh, very definitely, especially if he is going to try personal injury cases. I mean that is something that they really need to know is medical terminology and I believe embalmers have to know medical terminology. It sounds like that old continuing education for funeral directors that we had a couple of years ago. Do you remember that bill, Senator?

SENATOR CHRONISTER: No, I believe this is relatively harmless. I might add that a copy of this amendment was submitted to the entire membership of the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association with the request for a notification of any negative response, and they have not received one negative response because it also saves time for the funeral director. Rather than waste time having a boy intern with him and then decide not to go into the business, that is wasted time and effort for the funeral director as well as the student himself or herself.

SENATOR HIGGINS: I have had that problem, too, with legislative aides and secretaries where I have wasted time training them and then found out they really didn't like being legislative aides. They weren't that interested in statutory law. It seems unique to me that we are taking embalmers but I will take your word for it. I am sure that if the funeral directors want it, it isn't designed in any way to keep other people from going into the embalming school. It just delays them about six months, doesn't it?