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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't know whether they were or not. Somebody said that the staff reviewed the report from which most of this material comes from and Mr. Higley makes reference to it so he could have raised them at the committee hearing but I was not a member of the committee so I don't know what they discussed but I doubt that they discussed very much relative to the subjects that I am raising here because there was nobody at the committee who is listed on the statement who would be particularly concerned about the consumer's interest but that is about the best way I can answer your question. I don't really know what they raised.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Chambers, the reason I asked you the question, I have received several telephone calls the last few days from morticians, funeral directors...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know.

SENATOR KREMER: ...saying that they thought this was a sunset bill and they were not aware of these and they felt that they should have an opportunity to, you know, for some input and these are fine people. They operate, in my opinion, aboveboard. Now the next question is....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, could I address that comment?

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, go ahead, sure.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What we need in order to get the kind of input from undertakers that we actually have to have is a bill with something in it that will make them feel the necessity to come and give information. Now, what you could do is adopt these amendments and advance the bill to Select File and let it stay there until they have got time to bring in some information, and I know they will bring it then because it is attached to a sunset bill, and if it is really information that we want from the morticians, we can get that without too much trouble. As far as the Senators, Senator Clark, doing too much research, I doubt that many are going to do too much independent research on it and that is why since I am bringing the amendments I have to inform myself to be able to answer whatever questions are asked with reference to these amendments which is what I am prepared to do. So if time would be the problem, the bill could hang on General File or the amendments could be adopted and it could be moved to Select File and the morticians would see that there has been some legislative concern about this and it will be incumbent upon them then to bring