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SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues, I imagine like you have received phone calls from every undertaker in my district between last night and this morning and most of these phone calls was just concern as to what specifically was in this Chambers amendment. I think they weren't necessarily telling me they were opposed to it blanket but they were very concerned because they haven't had time to really analyze it and study it. In fact, Mr. Garey, the lobbyist for the morticians was in my office this morning and he indicated the same thing. He said the problem really is that he just received the amendment last night and hadn't had an opportunity to go through each specific section. He did indicate that there were some problems with some sections. He also indicated other sections he felt might be okay. Well, I think because of this, because of the fact that we haven't had good scrutiny and good public examination of this amendment and the fact that there may be some things that are very well good with the amendment and some things that aren't so good, that it probably should go back to the Public Health Committee. I think Senator Cullan said that or indicated that himself is that they haven't really had an opportunity to specifically go through the Chambers amendment point by point. So I think because of that the only one legitimate thing to do is to send this back to the Public Health Committee or another committee, if the Public Health Committee is unable to take time to look at it, and have the committee system as this system is designed to do scrutinize this bill the way it should be scrutinized and brought back to the floor. I don't think the Chambers amendment is unreasonable at all. In fact I think it is what this Unicameral system is all about. I support the committee system. I think the kind of detailed and in depth study that is needed and required with this bill should be done by the committee rather than to be done on the floor. I think it is a little bit irresponsible, however, to just blanket without knowing what is in it reject or accept this amendment, and because of that, that responsibility that we are charged with, it should go back to committee for careful study and then let them determine what is right and what is proper and what is wrong and what is improper and report it back to this floor for our deliberations. But I think it would be totally irresponsible not to consider or look at it.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Fowler, do you care to close in reply?

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, I would hope that this body would be willing to give Senator Chambers and this bill the opportunity to have a public hearing to have more discussion