

the public interest or is it in the interest of the existing franchise holders? Well I think we all know the answer to that question and what this particular amendment would do is it would reduce to a minority, it would reduce to a minority the number of people on that board that have an interest in the area that is being regulated in conformance with state policy adopted by this Legislature four years ago. Now I think that those four powers particularly the power to review franchises illustrates more than anything else why this particular board should not and cannot continue to be dominated by the industry. This recommendation was adopted by five out of nine members of the Appropriations Committee. This recommendation was accepted by a majority of the Public Works Committee. This recommendation was set by two of the main line committee that participated in the sunset review process and for some reason in its better wisdom this body has decided to strip that away. Now it is a sound amendment. It is a good amendment. If we are going to make any changes pursuant to the sunset act that makes sense this is one of the things that we need to do. Now there have been some questions raised as to whether there were any problems with the way that the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board has conducted itself. Now let me ask you, how many of you have read the sunset report? How many of you have read the report on which the Appropriations Committee acted and made this recommendation and I wish the Public Works Committee acted and made this recommendation and if you have read that report and if you are still of the mind that everything is fine and dandy in the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, how can you explain the fact that in 1977 there were over five hundred complaints that were sent to the board? Three hundred and fifty-seven complaints initiated by the staff of the board. A hundred and eighty-seven complaints brought to the board by consumers, by the Attorney General's office, by the county attorney's office, by the Health Department and out of all of those complaints hearings were held on only four. Out of over five hundred complaints that were filed with the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board which is dominated by the motor vehicle industry only four of over five hundred complaints was heard by the board. Is that a good record? How do you explain the instance that was brought up by the sunset committee by the staff that wrote this report about an obvious violation that was intentionally made by an automobile salesman, by an automobile dealer and it was brought to the attention of the board. All the board did was to require that he return the money to the purchaser of the board that he knowingly took away from him without any further sanctions being taken at all. How do you explain