

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I certainly appreciate Senator Chambers and his interest in the bill and I am not saying that Senator Chambers is not concerned or does not see a concern. I am opposing the amendment and for this reason and probably this reason only. The first place has been the case in other states that the hospitals will get together and hold their own training session. Hospital protocol calls for these procedures. In our bill, it also puts in effect...supercedes the federal language requiring that all hospitals adopt these protocols and the requesting of organs under proper situations and conditions. It's a...it's an amendment that it's not so strong or not so bad that I absolutely can't live with it. But, again, it is an amendment that I think is probably unnecessary. When we drafted this bill, we went to great lengths to not demand this and demand that, referring back to the seat belt legislation. And I know that when we started in working on this last September and meeting with the various groups and the various people and that was one thing that I stressed all along. Let's make it so that it's livable. That's the reason that there are some...if there are any religious reasons or any known reasons, or so on, that someone...it is something...it's suggestive legislation. It's not demanding legislation. However, may I point out to you that on the federal level they do tell us what to do and until they supercede or tell us that we are not doing right, our state law would come preference. So I think it's an amendment that we took it in consideration and everyone of the groups and everyone of the people that work on this understood that. And another thing is just how many demands can you make upon the hospitals or tell the hospitals how to run their business. I think that in nearly every case people are knowledgeable or would expect to be. And we did, we thought we covered this amply when we drafted the bill. So I do oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, when Senator Nelson compares this bill to the seat belt bill, I think the comparison is not a very good one because in the seat belt situation you were talking about the government making imposition on the citizens at large. Senator Nelson is opposed to putting restrictions on the hospitals. Our concern has to be for the families and the citizens who will be the subjects of