

perspective to that attending physician, that chief administrator. I mean, I am sure he would not designate his newspaper boy, but according to the way the bill is written, that's allowed for. And this amendment is not a bad amendment. It does not kill the bill, as Senator Nelson would have you believe, and does not mean that it's...it's going to...it tightens it up, you bet it does. It says that those individuals that go and talk to your family have to be trained. They have to know what the protocol is and they need to be employees of that hospital. That is...there is nothing wrong with that. It does not hamper the bill. It does not kill the bill. In my opinion, it makes the bill much, much better. Whether it's adopted or not, it's not going to change my support for the bill. But, ladies and gentlemen, we are giving free rein to the chief administrators out there without spelling out what designee means. And I think to say that a designee must be an employee of that hospital, through Senator Chambers' amendment we have said that there has to be training and protocol established, makes very, very good sense. I do not have any further amendments for the bill, nor would I offer any, whether this amendment is adopted or not. But I think we need to take a serious, serious look at what we are allowing those...what decisions we are allowing those individuals to make. We are limiting them in no way with regard to who that designee might be. I am sure they will use very good professional judgment and I trust that. But we spell out much, much more in detail a number of things that don't deal with death the way that we...I think we should do in this bill and I would urge the body to adopt the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have been listening to some of the debate on Senator Hall's amendment, and in reading it, he says any designee of the administrator or the attending physician appointed shall be an employee of such hospital, or another physician. Senator Hall, I don't think that an administrator or a doctor would be crazy enough to appoint, as you say, their newspaper boy. On the other hand, I do think we passed a bill relieving hospital directors and executives of liability. I guess I would like to ask Senator Chambers a question, if he would yield. And while he is going to his mike, I will ask the question, Senator Chambers. Under the terms of the Chambers amendment, it says, hospitals shall be required to consult with existing agencies preparatory to a establishing a staff training education program in the protocol.