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lifted some of the burden from that person and he or she might not have left here as soon as he or she did. But every society, in my opinion, would be better off to just let the dead be gone. Where Jesus said, let the dead bury the dead, he made a good statement there. I'd like to ask Senator Byars a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you yield?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Byars, this will give you a heads up, and you can answer it when we get to it. But I do want you to be able to explain to me in detail why we have an A bill the size of this A bill, considering what it is that we're talking about. I'm not going to oppose your bill. I'm going to vote to advance it. If people want to handle their affairs in this manner, I'm not opposed to that. If by so doing there is just a fraction of an amount of money that they can make better use of while they're alive, or they're put in a circumstance where they can receive some benefit while they're alive which otherwise they couldn't, that alone gives the bill some validity. So despite what I've said, I'm going to support your bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Further discussion on advancement? There are no lights on. Senator Byars, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. I think the discussion has been good. And certainly, there are philosophical differences on how and why we should celebrate or not celebrate our end of life. But the bill itself is fairly simple, and I would ask you to advance it to Select File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 85 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 85. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of