

April 3, 1991

LB 115, 671, 783A

All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1465 of the Legislative Journal.) 25 ayes, 23 nays, 1 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 115 passes. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, two items, a new A bill, LB 783A by Senator Lamb and Senator Wickersham. (Read for the first time by title. See page 1466 of the Legislative Journal.) And I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Elmer. (See pages 1466-73 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to Item 7 on the agenda, the motion by Senator Landis to place LB 671 on General File, notwithstanding committee action.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to place LB 671 on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 19(b). The motion may be found on page 1377 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 671 is the living will bill. I make this motion because it will assist us in planning our agenda for the future. The bill had a hearing in the Judiciary Committee. Many people attended. A number of groups testified on both sides and, as historically has been the case, this has been a difficult issue for the Judiciary Committee, as it has been for the body. There have not been sufficient votes to kill the bill, nor have there been sufficient votes to advance the bill, and time has passed since the hearing, so that it is critical now to know the fate of the bill. Let me tell you why I am asking you to do this at this time. This last 45th day, I was faced with a difficult situation. The living will bill was still in Judiciary. It was not clear what was going to happen. I knew, historically, it had not been dealt with positively by the committee, and I did my best to analyze whether the bill would be able to be pulled from the committee or not. I went around on the 44th day, asked everybody who was here, and I was