

They can draw fat out of your body. They can take lines out of your face. They can do all kinds of things to make you appear to be youthful, and people want to appear to be youthful because death is not associated with youth, although if you go out to the cemetery, you will find graves shorter than 3 feet, which means people very youthful have died. If there are people who can bring themselves to confront this reality that we all must confront, and they are prepared to make some declarations prior to that awesome day coming...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that will make it easy for those who are left to assist them out of this world in the way that they, when they were rational, stated they wanted to leave this world, if we, by enacting legislation, can create that set of circumstances, that is what we ought to do. The motion before us today is to bring this bill out of committee. Because of the seriousness of the issue, because of how wide-ranging are the ramifications, I think that bill ought to be brought from the committee. And even though in the past, as I have stated, I opposed this kind of legislation, I am going to vote to bring it to the floor, and if it comes to the floor, I will support it across the board to final passage.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. We will now go to Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to oppose pulling LB 671 notwithstanding the actions of the committee. As Senator Landis had said, there is kind of a split vote in there and that is a part of our system, and perhaps is why we have five votes to advance bills out of some committees and four out of others. But in any event, it is somewhat of a split vote. I understand Senator Landis's concern. The committee has dealt with this particular bill at least three years that I am aware of. We have heard very emotional testimony on both sides over a three-year period, and what it boils down to is people are going to have to assess where they come out as a result of information that is provided to them. But I think using the Cruzan case is not a good example, and the reason it is not a good example is because she didn't have a will or a living will, and even if she did, the court would have had to decide what was her intent at the time this happened. So using it as an example of clarifying this issue is not a good example to use, colleagues, and Senator