

Senator Wesely said, but that is not the ultimate answer. In LB 671, that is included in there, and 13 other states have a surrogate, another one who makes the decision for you, but it is time, folks, that at least we allow it to come to the full body and, as Senator Landis put it very ably, is Nebraska going to address the issue and are we going to give the medical profession directive? And I do admit, as Senator Chizek, I rather thought he would probably mention it, maybe the doctors do have that...are able to make that directive right now if they want to. Not all families are as Senator Chizek's family. What if four want that decision to be made, the fifth one objects, and so on, so there are many things. This simply says, give the state directive, the doctors directive, and I will tell you that probably if you took a poll, 75 percent, and I don't always believe in polls, would like to have some type of legislation on our books in Nebraska. And like anything else, you can come in and you can chew it apart, line by line. You can add extenuating circumstances and what ifs and so on, and we would find that if we were to debate it 10 years. In the Judiciary Committee, we find the same what ifs, but particularly the Nancy Cruzan case, their directive was and people found that even though she had not made that decision before, the Supreme Court said that was mere speculation, but if people do fail to take adequate steps, then the authority then must be given to someone else or as they finally determined in the Missouri case. I am certainly glad that Senator Chambers has finally gotten wise and I look for his support.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: Which it tells us that people do need to have it addressed, and that there are questions that need to be answered. So I do hope that you at least give Senator Landis the opportunity to move it to the full Legislature. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Labedz, you are next.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Nelson, I disagree with you. I never thought that Senator Chambers would ever change his mind, so I think I have got a little hope for LB 425. If I am persistent enough, maybe some day he will change his mind on that one, too. I rise to oppose LB 671, bringing it from committee. It sets a standard for withholding or withdrawing sustaining treatment from a broad range of