

opposed living will legislation. The Cruzan case has changed my opinion on that somewhat in that I co-sponsored a durable power of attorney bill this year, and it is not the durable power of attorney bill that has been advanced to the floor. It is a more broader approach to that procedure. What was also brought up was the Cruzan case and the fact that what has happened is is that the Supreme Court has ruled and common law is now in place with regard to this. I would argue that you could repeal every living will statute in all 47 other states, and you would have the ability to determine, as you do in Nebraska, there is no prohibition, and with the passage and the ruling by the Supreme Court and that enactment of common law, I have the right to declare whatever I wish in terms of final procedures or extent of extraordinary medical procedures as does everyone else in this country because that is the law of the land, that is the common law now. What Cruzan did is basically take away the need for living will legislation, if you want to use that type of argument. I would argue that that is exactly what it did. There is no need. It is done. It has been done at the highest court. It has been done at the highest level, and it now is the rule of the land. Anyone has that opportunity. What you do by bringing out Senator Landis's bill unamended in its all-encompassing form is that you will drag us through, when it comes up, and it is designated as a priority bill, and there are other priority bills that have been designated that are still sitting in committees, that is a choice that each of us have. I respect that as do others. But you have a bill...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...before us in its virginal form that will be littered with amendments because I will offer some, because in its present condition, it is terminal itself. I think that what...where this issue should be discussed, and there are amendments that I will propose to Senator Lindsay's bill to strip some of the requirements that it has, is on that measure, where we have this proposal in front of us, at least in a varied form, but it is out there. It is available to us. This isn't a motion on the bill, as Senator Landis pointed out. It is a motion, not on the contents, but a motion, a procedural motion that is one that I think we need to look long and hard at. It is much more than just an orderly fashion in which to deal with the proposal. If that were the case, then I suspect the other 300 plus bills that are still sitting in committee...