

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...will see their way to a motion similar to this before the balance of this session is done. I would urge you not to place the bill on General File.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Now we will go to Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I stand to support Senator Landis's efforts and applaud him, I guess. I should applaud him for his persistence in introducing and reintroducing this type of legislation every year since I have been in this body. It has been out of committee a number of times. It has been on the floor. It was on Final Reading at one point in time, and so this is not a new issue for this body. Even though you may not like the idea of pulling it out of committee where only the committee, so far, has had the opportunity to hear it, have not amended it, etcetera, still this issue has been debated long and hard on this floor a number of times. I think we are all aware of what the issue encompasses. The thing that I guess I would want to make very clear, though, is that this bill probably...I know that in working with prior bills on the floor, there were some things that a number of us had that were concerns that we wanted to make sure were addressed, and I am sure that Senator Landis would be very supportive of that fact, that if the bill is pulled out of committee, that, in fact, it would be looked at by all of us, and that those prior concerns that were expressed about life-sustaining kinds of procedures and so on were dealt with to the satisfaction of the majority of the body. I would like to ask a couple of questions, if I might, of Senator Landis, even though I know that at this time we are just talking about the process of pulling it out, Senator Landis, for clarification. Can you tell me, and you did give me some material here that I looked at, and I thank you for that, but can you tell me at this point in time how this bill compares for the provision for nutrition and hydration with prior legislation that we've dealt with, because that was a big issue.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Mike not on immediately)...on the question, and then at one time on the floor we amended in that the living will did not apply to hydration and nutrition. Since that time, the Uniform State Law Commissioners have rewritten the bill and it says this, basically. There is a couple of different