

about doing something. Well, I certainly hope we do something, hopefully, both of these bills, but, in any event, I think we are to the point now where the question may come down to which is preferable or if both are preferable, and that is better than the option we have had for a number of years is nothing is preferable. The Cruzan case, as Senator Beutler talked about, and Senator Landis as well, has also complicated the situation and made it even more important, again, that we take action. I feel very strongly that there is great support for this concept. I see the polls that have been taken. I know my own discussions I have had, the people I have talked to are overwhelmingly in support of living will and durable power of attorney bill. But let me talk a bit about how I see us proceeding with those two concepts. They are not mutually exclusive, that we can, in fact, pass both. We can pass one or the other, or we can pass both. That is for the body to decide. I feel very, very comfortable with the work that has been done by Senator Lindsay and a number of people on the durable power of attorney bill. LB 696 will be following, and I am hopeful that if both of...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...those are advanced, that we will see an action that would perhaps delete the part of the bill before us today, 671, that deals with the durable power of attorney issue, delete that part of the bill so that the other bill, which has a great amount of detail and compromise that have been worked out, we will be able to deal with that particular element. And, again, I would support 671 with or without the durable power of attorney concept included in it. And, again, this is a very important issue and the Health and Human Service feel this is an area we have struggled with for a long time. There are many broader issues that tie into the question of the right and ability to choose to continue treatment or not treatment, the costs involved, the ethics involved, the moral issues that are very much at the heart of this issue, all need to be discussed, but, in the end, I am hopeful that we will advance and pass legislation this session in this area.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, there has been so much good information given out in the prior speakers, Senator Landis very carefully going down through the steps of LB 671 and what we will also find following. I have had the opportunity in