

relationship, could be the witnesses of the living will?

SENATOR LANDIS: The answer is yes. That is to say I can read to you the rationale for that language. I am in the commentary by the commissioners, in the event you'd like to understand the purpose for doing so.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Well, Senator Landis, you can do that on your own time, but your answer is, that is correct, right? That anyone, even an underage or a minor could act as witness to the living will, or someone who stands to inherit upon the death of the individual?

SENATOR LANDIS: The answer to the second I would be able to say yes. The answer to the first I want to reserve a judgment on, Bernice, but I will answer with respect to the second one and say that that is true.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Senator Landis. I will be in strong support of Senator Lindsay's bill, the durable power of attorney, but I strongly object and do not support LB 671. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labedz. The speaking order is now Senator Ashford, Senator Kristensen, Senator Elmer, Senator Lindsay, Senator Wickersham, Senator Wesely, Senator Beutler, Senator Crosby, and Senator Lamb. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I will not speak at great length at this point. I know that Senator Labedz has raised some issues concerning some of the technical concerns about the internal consistency of the bill, and I am sure other questions will be raised later. At this point of the debate, I stand only to lend my support to the concept that Senator Landis has put forward, and before him Senator Morehead, and then the bill, LB 88 bill I was cosponsor of, and then LB 671, which I am also cosponsoring. And I have done that, made that decision after reviewing, I guess again this year and in prior years, the many decisions, court decisions across the country starting in the 1880s and nineties, which talked about the individual's right to make decisions concerning his or her life in situations such as those covered by the living will legislation. The point I guess I would make at the outset, and then we can discuss the issues further, is that living will legislation, even though albeit legislation which has primarily