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SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: (Interruption) ...could attack the validity of such a document, nonetheless, and raise the same questions. Are there undue influence or the like? So it becomes a question you can't surmount completely and, therefore, do you create a document that's difficult to create, or one that...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Exactly.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...a doctor can carry out.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I won't have time because I know the speaking list is long, and I may not be able to get there, so I can't carry on a dialogue with you, but let me pose you these questions...

SENATOR LANDIS: All right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...that I would like to have, if you have time or someone gives you time, to answer that I do have. The other area is revocation, how do you document revocation in the file? If it is done verbally, is there a particular form or procedure or something that would be acceptable in terms of documenting the revocation, and maybe for legislative history or intent, how that would be done. The other part that I have definitely goes for the withholding of food and water, and in here, in the document, I believe on page 9, in Section 8, it talks about the act shall not affect the responsibility of the attending physician,...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: (Interruption) ...nutrition and hydration, for comfort and alleviation of pain, my question would be what happens if the doctor determines that not to be for comfort and pain, but taking away food and water would be life-sustaining, thus taking that out of that realm? Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We will now go to Senator Elmer. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. Senator Landis has well explained and continues to well explain what we