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but has a possibility. Even if that is what I would want to occur, if the physician tries to administer that drug and does not remove the nutrition and hydration, he may be guilty of a crime. Let's take that a step further. Let's say we know there is a drug coming down the line. It is just not ready yet. Or we know there is an exploratory surgery that may work or may help. But if a doctor does not remove the nutrition and hydration,...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...or does not remove the life-sustaining treatment, they can't keep me around long enough to try this new miracle drug. And I suggest to you that it is not far-fetched. I can look over at several of the senators here who would think that a heart transplant would be the impossible. When they grew up, a heart transplant, think about that. Nobody could do that. My first year in here we had a big fight here in the Legislature about trying to get a fifth hospital in Omaha allowed to do open-heart surgeries. They are routine now. Heart transplants are routine. Bypasses are nothing. We have surgeries now where you can do four small incisions and do it by arthroscope, which takes the place of an eight inch scar that we used to do. Medical technology is evolving and it has always evolved, has continued to evolve at an incredible pace, and it will continue.

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will try to be brief because I know that there are more speakers and this debate has many issues yet to be raised by those more knowledgeable than I am. But let me tell you, quite frankly, that as a practicing attorney, for many years now I have had clients come to me and ask if they could sign living wills and have them effective in the State of Nebraska. It was always frustrating to me to tell them that they could sign a document, and they could express their wishes, but I could not tell them that their wishes would be honored as a legal matter in the State of Nebraska. After the Cruzan decision, I could tell them that perhaps their wishes would be honored, but their families might be bankrupted in the legal process of enforcing their