

an enormous amount of things about the living will, about the durable power. I have visited with different lawyers about it and I get mixed opinions on both of them. But one thing that comes clear to me, and my constituency, I think, actually is divided about 50 percent, fifty-fifty maybe on either side. With the people that I talk to and the calls that I get and so on, not everybody wants this and not everyone wants that.' I've tried to listen to everyone that is really concerned about it because I want to understand what it is that they want. There are some philosophical things on both sides. But one thing that comes through to me about the living will in particular, the living will, as I understand what you're saying this morning, is the doctor makes the decision. The durable power puts it in the hands of a third person. Over the years, as people have complained to me about medical costs and about the fact that they want a living will because their mother or someone was given too many things. The doctors insisted on doing this or that and they didn't want them to and they couldn't stop them. It seems to me we're coming down and letting that doctor that all those people are mad at, we're letting that person make the decision. So that comes through to me. The durable power is different. I have read several that different people have drawn and, of course, we've had durable power for other means...for other things, for financial things for a long time. I know of at least five cases of people that I've been close to, not family members, all of them, that had...were in accidents or had a stroke or something, the doctor says they're brain dead, the family comes along and says cut off everything and two of them died very quickly, the other one lasted a little while, two years. When one of the lawyers speaks again I wish one of you would touch on the fact as why doesn't everybody go to court. That confuses me, David. So sometime when you're going through some things, not now and maybe even later when we discuss it, maybe one of you can say why, why doesn't everybody have to go to court, because I know of at least five cases that nobody went to court and it worked. The doctor said, okay; they cut it off. But the one thing and I have read Dr. Koop's thing that was mentioned earlier, there is one thing there that I will quote. "As seen by the recent experience of California", and I don't know when they mean by recent, "where legislation to amend that state's natural death act, the living will would permit the administration of direct means of killing to certain terminally ill patients. The alteration of public policy by passage of the living will, will make future proposals for more direct forms of euthanasia more palatable." That word "palatable". What I like