

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 223 does not advance. Senator Pirsch, you would like a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to announce to the body that I am a grandmother for the second time of a ten pound, eight ounce baby girl, born at twelve twenty-three today. I wanted you to share my joy.

SPEAKER BAACK: Congratulations, Senator Pirsch. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, items for the record. We will now proceed to LB 696.

CLERK: Mr. President, 696 was a bill introduced by Senators Lindsay, Wesely and Hillman. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 23 of 1991. At that time, it was referred to the Health Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Health and Human Services Committee.

SPEAKER BAACK: To the Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it's a pleasure to present LB 696 which does follow on the issue we discussed earlier today regarding living wills. The concept embodied in LB 696 is a durable power of attorney for health care proposal. This bill was brought to the committee by Senator Lindsay. The committee considered the issue very carefully and determined the need to advance the bill with amendments that had been worked on over the course of several weeks by Senator Lindsay, myself, representatives of the Hospital Association and Health Care Association, the Catholic Conference Coalition for Life and the Medical Association. These various parties did meet and draft the...helped to draft the committee amendments that the committee did adopt and advanced the bill. In the course of the following months since last session, Senator Lindsay and these representatives have continued to discuss and negotiate the issue and I think, rather than discuss the committee amendments as they're currently constituted, it might be best, Mr. Speaker, to go to the amendment that Senator Lindsay and I have proposed to the committee amendments. So I think...I think what I'm suggesting is we go to the amendment that Senator Lindsay and I have proposed because that really should be the amendment we vote on.