

don't know that I'm going to be able to answer those questions in quick fashion. I don't know if Senator Lindsay will be able to have the time to look through and develop answers. But I'm going to talk a little bit more about some of the elements of the legislation that ought to be kept in mind. First off, there is a great deal more detail in this bill than you will find regarding this concept of durable power of attorney in Senator Landis's bill. I note that LB 671, the bill we advanced earlier today, has about 15 pages in it. Among the different elements of those pages will be found the durable power of attorney concept. That concept alone takes 28 pages in LB 696. So, clearly, we have flushed out in far greater detail and perhaps not enough detail or created more uncertainty in that detail than we may have intended but the difficulty with the issue has been the desire to be as precise as possible and perhaps we need to be more precise, as Senator Landis has indicated by his questions. But this is a very delicate question. One of the key points that came up in the discussion was the point of withholding medical care for an individual, life sustaining assistance. And on the...in the bill we have a...on page 8, Section 8, it outlines a form, a power of attorney for health care form that you fill out where you are, in fact, to spell out the details of what your desires are, in some ways, obviously, similar to the living will and identifying the parameters of what you have intended for your attorney. And, again, the point needs to be made that the attorney you designate doesn't have to be an attorney, it can, in fact, be your wife or your...some relatives or somebody that certainly is not an attorney, but that's the designation term that we use here. So, clearly, you have a form to fill out and then on that form is a warning that indicates that unless you give authority to your attorney representing you, there isn't the ability by that attorney to withdraw or withhold life-sustaining procedures. There's notice given there. Later on you will see on page 17 and 18, I believe, some...Section 18 is really a particularly important section. If you can't read the whole bill, I would recommend Section 18 as one that needs to be reviewed because we do talk about the ability of the attorney in question to withhold or withdraw life sustaining procedures and there are some parameters set that clearly indicate that that person has to have authority to take such action. And I think what I'm trying to get at is there is some very careful recognition of...desire must be there for somebody to withhold life-sustaining support and has to be clearly expressed in order for the durable power to be invoked by the attorney designated to take such a step.