

to have problems interpreting or...or implementing. It's something they are comfortable with. I think consequently...or if they did have problems with it, they would have brought those concerns to us. If they had concerns about...about how do they interpret a living will or how far back do they have to go in...in questioning witnesses, that type of thing. We don't impose those duties on them. And I don't...I don't think that they believe that we do. So I don't see some of those problems there. Sure, this bill is technical. It has gotten longer over the...over interim, since we first started discussing it. The reason it's gotten technical is because broader is not necessarily better. Broader in this...in this issue has very, very serious consequences. Those consequences may be good, may be bad, but they are serious consequences. And this is not what we've...taken and had a few jokes this afternoon. This certainly is no joking matter. It's something that, of the decisions that we make, this will have a very immediate, a very direct, and a very certain impact upon the very health, the very lives of the people that we represent. It's important that we take this bill along with 671 very seriously. It's important that we look to make sure that this is something that we're comfortable with. That's what we've tried to do. That's what...if it can be improved, we'd like to see that. The intent is to do what our constituents want to see done, not necessarily with the semantics, not necessarily with...with what they've been conditioned...at least the buzz words I guess, but with what their ends are. Going inside and saying, what exactly is it that you want? Do you want the control? Is that the idea, that we want to control the ends of our lives? Is the idea that we do not want to be hooked up to machines if that's not the way that we want to live our lives? And then we look to see what is the best way to effectuate the...the interest of those people. For the most part, over the past...I think Senator Ashford mentioned this started...the issue started arising in the early seventies. And since that time, living will is a term that you continue to hear on and on and on. Durable power is another alternative. Senator Landis sees it as an additional tool. Some people may see it as an alternative tool. I think those are the decisions that we have to come to, and I think whether we do that now, and I'd certainly like to see the bill advance to Select and...and kind of discussed in conjunction with LB 671. We do have to look to see. And as long as we're comfortable with having looked at the bills and said, either 671, 696, neither or both. As long as we've taken the time to look to see what the bills do, to look to see what the bills'