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effects will be, and as long as we're comfortable with that after having done that...that searching, then that's what we ought to be doing. But I would urge the body to take the time to look to see what the consequences of both bills is. I would urge the advancement of 696.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Landis, on the advancement of LB 696.

SENATOR LANDIS: I concur with a great deal of what John has just said, and I will now be voting for the advancement of 696. I'm very comfortable with the actions of the Legislature today. We have wrestled with and discussed what the interests of our constituents are. There is a clear, shared agenda here, of giving people the power to determine their medical fate. That has not always been clear in the body up until now, and I think that's a very positive move forward. I appreciate John's willingness to consider ways of making 696 as workable and feasible and useable, in an appropriate fashion, as possible. I intend to take him up on that suggestion. I hope all the rest of us do as well. The idea of linking these two and their discussions on the floor makes sense to me. What I am gratified with is the...the obvious intent of this body to give a long neglected agenda affirmative action. And that neglected agenda has been to give people some clear and effective tools to use to control their medical destinies. Towards that end, I am pleased to be able to vote for the advancement of 696.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I've been listening very closely to the discussion between Senator Landis and Senator Lindsay, and I guess, Senator Lindsay, if...the question...what I would like to have resolved, I don't have a problem, I don't think, voting with both. I may have a problem with not vot...voting for one, or the...one or voting for only one. But I would like to clearly understand how many legal hoops I have to go through, or who I name as a power of attorney, would have to go through under this bill, in order to carry out what had been my wishes for my medical care. How many potential places, and that essentially Senator Lindsay...or Landis has been asking questions of that nature. But I guess my concern is that we do not make it impossible, or we extend the period indefinitely. We all know you go court, you can be there for years. How many...how assured am I under this bill that my