

wishes, as I want them carried out, can be done, and how many other people can interfere to prevent my wishes from being carried out?

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Any further discussion on LB 696? Seeing none, Senator Lindsay, would you like to close?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Speaker Baack. I'd like to answer Senator Warner's questions, very valid questions. The first question is the ease of being able to determine who that agent will be. The way the bill is drafted is intended to make it easy for the person to designate an attorney. As I mentioned this morning, we don't...or excuse me, earlier this afternoon...we don't want somebody to have to go to an attorney to have the power drafted. That's why it's drafted in a sense that there is a form that can be used in a preprinted type format, much the same as the living will. If they are both passed, I assume you'd see the forms side by side on a rack wherever they would be distributed. As far as filling that out, there...it has required in the...in the form instructions or warnings on what can and can't be done. So it is very easy to designate who you want to serve. As far as serving as your agent, it's very limited who is disqualified. And those people are people who would know it. And that is, physician, unrelated employees of the physician, someone who has a financial interest in the...in the...in a health care providing facility, or someone who has ten or more powers of attorney. It's very limited. Other than that, it can be your mother, your father, your grandmother, your grandfather, your son, your daughter, your grandson, your granddaughter, your best friend, your not-so-best friend, whoever you decide it should be. That's who that person...that's who would make those decisions for you. As far as the...the certainty of whether your wishes would be carried out, a lot of that is up to the individual making the appointment. I guess that's the...the beauty of this, is that you can appoint somebody whom you trust, somebody that you've discussed your wishes with, not just in certain circumstances, not just in whether you are in a...in a persistent vegetative state, and whether you should have nutrition hydration removed, but rather a whole host of things. If you slip into a coma, not irreversible, but if you slip into a coma and there are certain types of treatment that you would or would not want, and you would...you would presumably have appointed somebody you trust to carry out your decisions. But if you...if it happens that