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amendment I have, this morning, is by Senator Lindsay. Senator, I have AM2600 in front of me, it's found on page 563 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Sorry, Mr. Clerk, was that AM2600?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR LINDSAY: AM2600, excuse me, Madam President, members of the body, AM2600, found on Journal page 563, is an amendment which would clarify some of the language in the amended bill. The reason for the clarification, I believe, is necessary is that the terms "euthanasia" and I believe "mercy killing" are contained in the bill as saying that neither of those are...or nothing in the bill should be construed to allow either of those. The problem is that those aren't defined in the bill and they create new areas that actually make the bill a little more vague than tightening up, and may not accomplish what Senator Landis' purpose is in this. I've discussed this amendment with Senator Landis. I believe he's going to speak to it, but I don't believe there is a problem with it. The purpose of the bill...it's not intended to change the purpose of the bill, it's still...the bill would say nothing to allow either of those...either of those actions. But rather than trying to define it, rather than trying to hash out language in that area, it seems more appropriate to refer to the accepted phrases, or the terms that are already terms of art. And those are the terms such "homicide, suicide, assisted suicide", et cetera. So it's not intended to change in any manner the intent, rather it's just to take out undefined terms. With that I would move the adoption of AM2600.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Robinson, do you wish to speak to this amendment? Senator Landis, followed by Senator Crosby.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. This amendment is satisfactory to me, and I intend to support it. I've told John that it's kind of an interesting political problem. Opponents of the measure sometimes argue that proponents of the measure have this as their secret agenda, and so this language is in here to say, no, there's no secret agenda. And now John's offered to strike the language. And, in