

not going to be there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, not even 30 days out of the month, they're not even going to be present. I have an uncle who's currently in this position. I haven't been to see Chuck in a while. I'd like to be notified, if that's possible, or at a minimum I'd like my aunt to be notified should she not happen to be there. Yes, then the responsibility would be on them to notify other members of the family, if appropriate. But someone ought to be notified, someone ought to be there when that life support system is discontinued, if possible, if not, fine, that was the prerogative of that individual when they knew what they were doing when they signed that living will. But all this is is a human aspect to a very unfortunate situation, and it's the best way that I can put it. But I do believe that this amendment is a fair one and ought to be adopted to this proposal. It clearly is not a deal-breaker, to be very crass about this kind of legislation. I think it ought to be adopted. I think Senator Lindsay's amendment to that cleans it up so that there shouldn't be any problem with this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Hillman. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, it's going to be a long morning. The difficulty is this sort of bill drafting on the floor problem. In fact this amendment to the amendment is better language than what the amendment has, it's true. There are some problems with the amendment that we are now amending. Do you object to the amendment to the amendment, or to the amendment itself. I will tell you that even if this change is made, that's right, this change probably improves the amendment. There remains three conceptual flaws with the underlying amendment itself. First, this amendment requires a second opinion, a consulting physician, which is not required any place else in 671, and it's not required any place in LB 696. This is a way of back-dooring a second opinion obligation that isn't in any bill that's under discussion now. Secondly, the kind of situation that is being complained of is one that happens in many other circumstances besides living will, including the durable power of attorney situation where the attorney was not a family...immediate family member. So this can occur under 696 and occur without either bill, and there is no provision for a family in that setting. If this is going to be general policy, it should be policy across the board. Talk about notifying family members in terminal