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SENATOR LINDSAY: If you're not married it would be considered your parents and siblings.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You go right down the line?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well I...no, not right down the line, it's...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, I mean you could go...keep going and you may not have those, that's what...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Sure, and it refers to that, if there is any in existence.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. On the situation we're talking about are we also talking about the situation where we're close to putting in the plugs instead of taking them out, that the family would be notified? That situation could happen, too, couldn't it? I mean the medical condition of the patient could be that the doctor, well we've got to do something right away.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, I...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I mean instead of...

SENATOR LINDSAY: I think...I...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...I think that what you two have been talking about is the plugs, or whatever, life-sustaining operations are taking place right now. But what about the situation where something should be done or that person is going to die?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, if we're...I'm trying to think if that would generally be a code or an emergency situation. If the person is already in the hospital then the doctor would have already done the first of the two steps, and that is having that declaration communicated to him or her, having that communication...or notifying the family member and placing that in the file, just simply would not have made...

SENATOR ROBINSON: So the living will would take over in that situation is what you're saying.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I believe it would, yeah.