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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Lindsay a question, if he would respond.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many times...situations like we have now, without a living will or without a power of attorney do we consult another physician on whether the person is terminally ill or not?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't know.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I went through a situation in December, that's why I just wondered what...how often does it really happen?

SENATOR LINDSAY: On a concern...on whether he's terminally ill?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, when another physician is consulted to determine whether a person is terminally ill or not, does it happen?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Oh, I'm sure it does. The situation that would happen is if you have cancer, you want a second opinion on treatment, on diagnosis, whatever you'd go to it. But as far as whether somebody is incompetent, I don't know. I just don't know. If I could throw this out, Senator Robinson, I think I submitted the wrong amendment here. We had...I had about...I don't know how many amendments here, and I was trying to get rid of those that were harassing and just get to some of them with meat on it. And this amendment...I think I submitted the wrong one because it has...it's too broad, it's not what was intended, not what I represented to the body. It does have the language that Senator Landis said, to strike that, it does have the second opinion. That was not the intent of this, so I will be asking the body to vote down this amendment and resubmit it with just the language we're talking about.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Lindsay?