

trying to do anything more than is actually set forth in the bill. We're not trying to get into...hang other things on this bill that are not intended by the bill. The...when we...one provision in particular deals with the...I passed out all the copies, so I don't have one in front of me. One provision refers to that the state has a right to a...an interest in preserving life. Senator Landis had wanted to make it clear that this was not bringing the abortion issue into this and, believe me, that's the last thing I want to do. The...that is not the intent. This finding is limited to the Rights of the Terminally Ill Act, and is not intended to go outside of the scope of the act. The second part of the amendment works...reworks the language on the finding. And it simply confirms that it must be...the attending physician must make a personal examination of the...of the declarant, if...rather than being done on medical records being submitted to the physician and the physician doing it on medical records. The second thing, it requires that that determination, diagnosis, and the declaration itself be included as a written part of the medical record. The Patient Self-Determination Act, the federal act, requires that the declaration, if it's in writing, be included in the medical record. This would extend or I guess confirms that, but also puts in that the finding, the diagnosis of the doctor also be included in writing in the amendment. With that, I would urge adoption of AM2644.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Before we proceed with debate, I would like to introduce a special guest of the Legislature and of Senator Horgan today. Standing in the back of the Chambers is former Senator Gary Hannibal of Omaha. Welcome back to the Chambers. Thank you. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President. I rise to concur in the amendment. John and I have been working on the language, and I think it's fairly crafted. And with the declaration of intent that John has made, I think it captures a fair statement of the law and good policy. I also want to point out to the body that John just saved us a lot of time on the floor by the last maneuver of withdrawing and resubmitting. And I am grateful for the fact that we are husbanding our resources on the floor so carefully. And I'm glad for that. I urge the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Does anyone else wish to speak to this amendment? Seeing none, do you have