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SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So why put the young person in that position anyway since the parents would be in a position to negative whatever the child had written?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Because the parent might like to know what the child's wishes are and would be willing to say yes, I agree, you have that choice and if you wish to do that, I'll honor that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why are you all who want this bill opposed to having a spot on the license where you can mark categorically that you don't want to be an organ donor?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Probably because it's something that is not needed if you don't want to be. You may not be or you may discuss that with your parents. The purpose of this is to be able to readily identify those that would. It isn't necessary necessarily to identify those that would not because it doesn't impact the process or any type of a program. What we're saying here is...

SPEAKER BAACK: time.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...if you do want to. It's a positive thing, if you do want to, then we need to be readily able to identify that and get the process because it's a very time is of the essence in these cases. If you don't want to be, it's really not a consideration at the time that you...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...need to do it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman and Senator Chambers, thank you. Senator Schimek, you're next.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I'll be brief but I just wanted to say, Senator Hillman, thank you for bringing this. It has often been a thought in my mind that we don't let people know about the donor program and it has always been my feeling that the more people who knew about it, the more organs that would be available. I have to renew my driver's license within the next three weeks and I can assure