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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to support the amendment as well. Nurses are the ones that usually end up giving the medication and it is...there's nothing harder at being a nurse than to have to watch somebody writhe in pain. It is very hard on those of us who have to take care of that person, but not to mention how hard it is on them. We...we are the caregivers, we're the comfort givers. I say that as "we". I am a nurse. And it is absolutely important that nurses are protected as well as the doctor and that the patient is the one that benefits. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I just want to inject one thing here, since Senator Chambers brought it up. I understand what the amendment is. I'm for this amendment. I'm for this bill. But I want Senator Byars and Senator Hilgert to assure me that this is not a foot in the door for assisted suicide. I simply cannot support that. The people who are behind that, and I don't include Senator Chambers in this at all because he doesn't feel this way about people, I know, but the people that are behind it, as a rule, the Hemlock Society and those, want to get rid of people who are a burden to society or a burden to a person, to...in a personal way, to a family, and I just cannot condone that kind of thing. So what I'm asking, Senator Hilgert, Senator Byars, either one of you can use the rest of my time, to assure me that this bill is not an opening up for that, because I can't go for it if it is. Thank you. So...however time I have left, they can have it.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Crosby, I'll recognize Senator Hilgert, and, Senator Hilgert, you have four minutes, and if you wish to use any of that time for Senator Byars, you may do so.

SENATOR HILGERT: I will do that. My remarks will be brief and to the point, Senator Crosby. In the bill itself, we...first of all, that's not the intent of the bill, it was never the intent of the bill, certainly not the intent of me. I share your