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concern regarding that issue. The bill specifically states, on page 2, line 10, the...as the controlled substance is not administered for the purpose of causing or the purpose of assisting in causing death for any reason. It's laid out right there, black and white in the bill, and, Senator Crosby, we have, and I really didn't want to go here, but we did have this language checked by the National Right-To-Life Organization. And I'm not trying to politicize this as any way being this or that, or left or right, or anything. I just think that this bill makes great sense and it needs to be passed. I will yield the rest of my time to Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Crosby, I understand your concern. There is no ulterior motive on my part, relative to this amendment. It is my...always has been my concern that any type of statutory language that we pass on this floor has to have language that makes it possible to put into effect, and my amendment does that and so that we can effectively introduce a pain management program that will work and that we don't tie people's hands in doing so. I thank you for your concern and your questions.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to assure Senator Crosby that my support for this bill has nothing to do with the position of the Hemlock Society or the bill that I carried that would allow doctors to assist people in dying. This issue is entirely separate and distinct from that. We could, if we wanted to push the argument about what can be done with medications to an absurd length, we could say we don't want anesthetics to be administered because sometimes people die as a result of that ministrations. I know Senator Crosby is not saying that there's something virtuous in unmerited and unjustified suffering. I'm sure that's not what she's saying. I hope we can convince her that what we're saying, who support this bill, is it is not a step toward legalizing killing people. This bill is designed to help people, if they're in that extremity, to feel they have an alternative to saying, either I live in this terrible pain or I die. This might allow some people to live who otherwise would seek death as being preferable to living with that chronic acute pain. Deeply held