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convictions, whether based on religion or philosophy, will often cause us to scrutinize very carefully anything that seems to infringe those deeply held convictions, but not everything which has the shadow of infringement is a real infringement. In this case, were there somebody going to the dentist and that person could not endure pain, I would not want to say that because Novocaine, or whatever else they might use now, is a controlled substance that person should not receive the Novocaine. God intended people to suffer or he wouldn't have let them get decayed teeth and infected gums. Now I will not, on some occasions, let a dentist completely deaden my mouth because it requires too much medication to do it. I even had a dentist tell me, Senator Bourne, not too much more than a year ago, when he was working on a tooth and he couldn't deaden it and he knew it, he said, I...what should I do? I said, just do what you do as a dentist. He said, well, once I start, I can't stop. I said, once you start, I don't want you to stop. I said, just do what you do; I will survive it. And I believe if you set your mind to it, you will survive it too. Now, it was not a pleasant experience. I would not recommend it to anybody. But my way of looking at life for me is somewhat different from the way other people look at it. I don't take pain medication. There are a lot of other things that could probably give relief, but I just don't use them because of the way that I feel. But I would never tell anybody else, don't take something which can help you live a decent life or get through the day without being in agony and the only thing you can think about is how much you hurt and what you're willing to do to stop hurting. This bill has nothing whatsoever to do with the Hemlock Society. I did not see a name among the proponents who is a representative of or a member of the Hemlock Society.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, Senator Crosby, I can understand your concern and I'm not condemning you at all. I'm just speaking as strongly as I can to emphasize that I, who have carried bills and have one pending now to allow physician-assisted dying, I do not see this bill as going in that direction and, in fact, I said this bill, if it becomes law, will take the steam, some of the steam, a lot of the steam, out of that other effort that I'm always pushing. I hope that sets your mind at ease, but if it