

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

February 1, 2005 LB 175

File that this is...and further investigation, that this language should remain there, and with your commitment to do that, I would certainly allow your...not that I can "allow" anyway (laugh)...but I would certainly allow your amendment to move forward. I'm...that concludes my comments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Anyone else wishing to speak? Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close. Senator...Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I thought I pushed the light earlier, and apparently I didn't push it hard enough. Anyway, thank you for recognizing me. I don't serve on the Health Committee, so I was not aware of the substance of this bill until this morning. And I didn't serve with Senator Hilgert, I don't think I served with him, at the time that he offered a bill on this matter. He and I overlapped here for a couple of years, but I think that when he offered the bill, it might have been before I was here with him. But I'm very concerned about striking those words. And I think they were there for a very real purpose. And to now take them out without the benefit of a public hearing as to the purpose of those words and why they were put in, in the first place and why someone would want to take them out, I'm very reluctant to take those words out. I think this does relate very much to the whole question of assisted suicide, and I'm going to vote against this amendment. I think we would be very ill-advised at this point, just on the floor, to pull those words out, without the benefit of a public hearing as to what the import of those...of that phrase is. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Foley, Senator Chambers. Anyone else wishing to speak? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Now, Mr. President, I think I need to speak. I'd like to ask Senator Foley a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Foley, will you yield?

SENATOR FOLEY: Yes, I will.