

as a...a source of inquiry between now and Select File. Here's what I'm hoping. I'm hoping we pass a good, sound, useable, durable Power of Attorney Act this year. And I think 696 has the makings of that bill. Certainly it shows a great deal of thought. Here's what I want. I want a bill that is not so overly technical that it becomes difficult to use. I want a bill that doesn't force doctors in to become investigators, forces them into doing background checks, forces them into reading the provisions of wills to see whether or not the documents that are presented to them are legitimate or not, but that allow them to do what they're supposed to do, which is to be doctors, and to be hospitals, and to be health care providers and not back on investigators. I want a system that is enforceable so that patients get what they ask for without tying themselves up for 12 or 18 months in the court system to defend their right to get the kind of medical treatment that they want. And what I'm looking for in this bill is to see if this bill does that. On the face, at these 28 pages, there's a lot here that I need to sift through, and my line of inquiry has been to establish some of the parameters of that discussion. On its face, I'm satisfied, at this point, to address this bill with an affirmative vote and to pass it on to Select File. In the event others of you share those same concerns, I hope that you will pass them along to John and perhaps if there is a discussion along these lines, we can make the most useable, effective, appropriate bill that gives real meaning and purpose and value to patients, without a creaky system, or a slow system, or a costly system, or a lawyer's dream of a bill that will make it hard for people to exercise these rights rather than appropriately reasonable to exercise these rights. And that's what I'm looking for. And at this point, I'm prepared to vote and advance this bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Anyone else wishing to address the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Wesely, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I appreciate Senator Landis's concerns. Let me try to tell you, Senator Landis, that this is a product of a number of months of work by the health care community brought together with those who have expressed concerns with the living will concept, and together they have melded together the ethical, moral concerns that have been expressed in one regard and the practical concerns that have been expressed in the other. And