End of Life Assistance (Scotland) Bill

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Life is a precious gift from God. Death is never pleasant and yet we all must face it, as those around us die and as death comes to ourselves. Illness and disability are challenging. I am well aware of that and so I have considered this proposed Bill from three angles:
- the wording in the Bill is vague. When is life 'intolerable'? What methods would be used to end life? These are not identified.
- a medical angle - Professional medical bodies and the British Medical Association do not support assisted suicide. Do lay people know better? I think not.
- the likelihood of abuse is frightening. Killing someone would be much cheaper than nursing care. A saving to the NHS?
Leave well alone, I beg of you. There is better health and palliative care than ever before. Do not play God.
You have been given the great privilege of governing Scotland. Do it wisely and well. May God bless you.

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