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can appreciate some of the apprehensions that perhaps some of you have expressed here on the floor of the Legislature this morning for a number of reasons, perhaps maybe you haven't been involved in the laetrile issue as perhaps maybe those of us who have introduced the bill have but I have here in my hand a laetrile tablet. It is a yellow tablet and I am sure most of you could see it. Now if I would have an aspirin right next to this, Senator Koch, do you realize that that aspirin is twenty times more toxic than this little item here that I have in my hand? Twenty times more toxic. We all have aspirin. We have all taken aspirin. As for Senator Cullan and Dr. Manner in his \$9.95 book, by the way, Senator Cullan, all the funds that have been received as a result of the sale of that book go right back into the University of Loyola University fund. Not a single penny of that goes into Dr. Manner's pocket. Senator Cullan said that there is no cure for cancer. Senator Cullan, there are about seventy-five people up in that balcony who will detest that comment on my part. They have had laetrile. They have used laetrile. I don't see anyone on the other side saying, look, we have had cobalt. We have had the orthodox forms of cancer treatment and, by god, if you put laetrile in the laws, you are going to start killing people. I had a phone call from a lady the other night. She was crying, and this was at about 11:15 at night, and the reason was because I had gotten home late that night, and she said, you know, Senator, she said, I have been vomiting since my last, and this is true, and if any of you, now, Senator Wesely, you just raised your brow, I will have you give her a call. She was on chemotherapy for the last two days. She has been urinating solid for the last twenty-four hours and the violent nauseousness that has come about, she says, I want to kill myself. And she went on to list an additional five other symptoms. She said she hasn't been able to sleep. She says, what can I do? That is one of many phone calls that I have had relative to the orthodox form. Yes, you are right, Senator Vickers. I am not a doctor but, you know, those people up there in that balcony. I don't know but four or five of those people up there and one of them comes from my district. The majority of those people come from rural Nebraska. Less than a handful come from Douglas County. But it is because of those people up in that balcony that I have pursued this bill, and Senator Kahle and Senator Labeledz. People are the reason why. It has been a pro-lobbying, these people have been the lobbying force behind this bill. There is no lobbyist out there in the rotunda that they have paid. They have paid their way here today themselves. Many of them have taken off of work to come down to talk to you personally,

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