

to withdraw the proposals I have offered with respect to tough controls on both laetrile and marijuana for medicinal purposes and the bill then would swing or rise or fall on its own merits. In doing that, I am constrained to point out at least what I consider some of the bad news and some of the bad news is that if we pass the bill in the form you want, Patrick, and I believe this, and I am telling you that because I believe it, if we pass it in this form, it ends up being kind of a cruel hoax on those who really think they are going to get something. Why? Because you have got the court decisions. You have eliminated the FDA, Federal Drug Administration, from it, and even though laetrile may well be, and I don't claim to know, but it may well be the greatest cancer cure since the beginning of cancer, but unless we develop this cure, this medicine, this nutritional device, unless we develop it somewhat within the bounds that our government and our lawmakers at Washington, the Supreme Courts have decided, we may never be able to utilize it. We may never be able to develop it and we will be counterproductive because we will appear to do something when in fact we are not. So unless and until you come up with some scheme that shows that you are going to be able to even have laetrile and have it controlled so that we can learn about it in a proper and documented way, I would feel guilty supporting the bill personally. I will not oppose it. I will not speak against and I will withdraw the amendments but I do submit to you maybe you are trying to jump from point A to R rather than go through B, C, and D. So, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my amendments and wish Patrick the best of luck pointing out, as I have said, that I think there are inherent difficulties without going through the hoops of the FDA, right or wrong, and that that may be the weakness in the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any objection to the request? Hearing no objection, so ordered. Mr. Clerk, what is the next item?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell now moves to amend the Labeledz, Venditte and Kahle amendments, insert a new Section 13 as follows: No insurance company authorized to transact sickness and accident insurance within this state shall be required to pay for any treatment involving the use of laetrile. It is offered by Senator Newell.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is Senator Newell in the room? The motion before the House has to do with your proposed amendment to LB 382. What is your pleasure?