

It is up to the doctor and, of course, the patient as well. Section 5 has to do with patient consent. The doctor, for example, if you are in a coma, cannot just give you Laetrile. You must be alert. You must be conscious and you must say, yes, I want Laetrile. He must have your consent. That, of course, has to do with Section 5 of the bill. Section 6, of course, would simply mandate all health care facilities in the state to use Laetrile, at least make it available for those people who want to use Laetrile, and Section 7 says that no physician may be subject to disciplinary action. You know frankly I am rather surprised, ladies and gentlemen, of Senator Wesely. Last Friday he came up to me and said, Senator Venditte, I will support your Laetrile bill only under one condition, and as you all well know, we needed his vote to bring that bill out of committee, and that was simply to allow marijuana to be used for medicinal purposes. Yet Senator Wesely is over there telling you, the members of this Legislature, the problems with Laetrile, but what about marijuana? It didn't even have a public hearing. We had people come in from all over the state, all over the country to testify, but yet Senator Wesely was going to put marijuana on if the members of the committee would have agreed and that is the way you would have seen the bill. And I said, Senator Wesely, don't do me any favors. I would rather see the bill killed. I think we all are very much well aware of the fact that cancer ranks as the second leading cause of death today in the United States. It is probably the most feared of all the leading killers today and why? Why it is feared? Well, ladies and gentlemen, you know and I know that the therapy that we use today in cancer therapy has not been effective.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I think we are all well aware that today we treat cancer by three means, cobalt. We treat it by means of chemotherapy and we treat it, of course, by means of mass eradication through surgery. Why does this all have to be? Why does this all have to be so uncomfortable, so painful, and of course, so expensive? You know I wish more of the members of the Legislature could have been at the public hearing to see the young people of this state, as well as middle aged and the elderly who are suffering from cancer, who are desperately looking for something. You know I guess I have had so many phone calls from clear across this state, from people who are suffering from cancer today, asking me, does Laetrile really work? I have got so-and-so who is suffering from cancer. The doctor says that she hasn't got much time to live. Well, ladies and gentlemen,