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patient working within the legal terms of this federal court order would be in contempt of court. Insurance companies also must pay a claim if it is legal within the state and this is very, very expensive for the people that have to go outside the State of Nebraska in order to obtain Laetrile. It would protect doctors and hospitals for using the Laetrile. The IRS must say it is a legal expense and deductible if it is legalized in the State of Nebraska. Now the FDA just cannot argue that it is a new drug because it has been listed in both the U. S. Dispensary since 1849 and the U. S. Pharmaceutical Encyclopedia since 1905 and it has been used as an anticancer agent since 1845 or more correctly since 2800 before Christ. There is no federal law against the use of Laetrile. The ruling of the U. S. Food and Drug Administration has been used to prosecute physicians and terminal cancer patients...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ..and the banning of interstate shipments of the compound is based only on a regulatory guideline of the USDA. I support Senator Kahle's motion to bring the bill on the floor. I am sure, as Senator Chambers mentioned, the bill does need amendments, and I think when it comes onto General File, there will be quite a bit of discussion and possibly a few amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Kahle's motion to bring this bill before us. I think we need more discussion on it. It is a very complex and very important issue. I heard this morning that the opposing forces said that it was poisonous. Well, I think that is true with most of the drugs. Most of the drugs today are poisonous. I get a reaction to penicillin when I use it so my doctor doesn't prescribe it to me. It is just that simple. But most of all, I feel that the people should have a freedom of choice. When I go to a medical doctor or to my family doctor I consult with him. He consults with me and if we feel that a certain drug would get the job done this is the drug that we use. I think that we need to have faith in our doctors, and like somebody said that a lot of times sickness is a mental problem and this is very true. If he says that I don't think that Laetrile has or is the drug to use in cancer treatment, I don't think I would use it but I still would like to have that freedom of choice. And so, colleagues, I certainly would support bringing this bill to the floor and debating it on the floor, and as we