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read more articles, as we study more legislatures, we find that more states each year are legalizing Laetrile in their particular state. Cancer is claiming many lives here in the State of Nebraska and I think we need to explore all the drugs in the cure for this. In my area, there have been some patients that have used chemotherapy and doctors have told them that they saw no more hope for them, and if these patients could get Laetrile in the State of Nebraska, it may help them. Therefore, in closing I would like to say to you let's consider Senator Kahle's motion to bring this before us and support him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: I call the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A call for the question. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate will vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 8 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases and, Senator Kahle, you will close on your motion.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, I am going to try to make the closing short. I think many statements have been made on both sides. I take exception to some that oppose it because I feel the statements were not quite what they should have been. Senator Cullan mentioned that doctors are against this. This is not true. Many doctors do use and would like to use this substance. I guess one of the things that really bothers me is that we are trying, we are groping at straws really to find a cure for cancer and the American Medical Association certainly has not found the cure. If they had, I am sure we wouldn't be here today and I am not finding fault necessarily with them but they certainly, I will state again, have not found the cure for cancer. They do some things that will retard it sometimes and the three things were mentioned that they use. Sometimes the treatment is worse than the disease, but if it would cure it, I think we all would be willing to bear it. Another thing was mentioned about the states around us that have passed legislation that has to do with the use of Laetrile. I am not as familiar with the drafting of this bill as I should be beings I am carrying it this morning but I am sure it won't be very hard for us to check with the states around us to see