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first amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, are you ready for your second amendment?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, Mr. President. The second amendment is found on page 1574 and I believe this to be a very important one.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Now where does your amendment on 1574, it says amendments are to the DeCamp amendments, is that to be stricken?

SENATOR SIMON: Please strike that first line. It was my understanding, of course, at the time that Senator DeCamp was going to offer his but we can implement this without that. What this is is the written consent form. When I opposed the bill, one of the major concerns that I have about this bill is the fact that standard methods, and contrary to Dr. Venditte, I am not an authority on medicine and I don't have all the answers and I still think that the standard methods, the methods which are generally used by physicians have been proven for persons who have thoroughly studied the matter under close investigation to be the best methods. At the very least I think that the patient should be able to fully understand all the ramifications of their decision in trying to make the most intelligent decision possible. This written consent form that has to be signed by both the physician and the patient which explains that laetrile has not been endorsed by the FDA, that neither the American Cancer Society nor the American Medical Association recommend the use of it and that there are alternate recognized methods and I think that this is very important. This is language which is copied from a number of other states and I think that at the very least if we are even seriously thinking about trying to adopt this legislation we must inform the patient and give them the best possible information available. So I would move for adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed with the discussion in the South balcony, they may be leaving now, were 47 fourth grade students and three teachers from Cedar Elementary School, Beatrice, Nebraska, Senator Burrows District. Don Norwood is the fourth grade teacher. Is there anyone left up there. It will be in the Journal so that it will indicate that they were here. Senator Stoney, do you wish to be recognized on the Simon amendment #2.