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whether or not the consent agreement was reviewed and was signed, that it remains and is retained in the doctor's possession, right? How do we know that it is ever even done?

SENATOR SIMON: Well, if you would like to offer an amendment to mine saying that those forms would have to be sent to the State Department of Health or someplace to keep on file for posterity, you know, I have no problem with that. You know we have used this type of concept on another bill that Senator Venditte was very concerned about and that is the abortion issue. I just happen to think that this philosophies are important and I support it.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Simon, I am not attempting to be argumentative but I am just attempting to see that if this consent form is agreed upon and it is signed that we should have some proof, there should be some proof that it has been completed.

SENATOR SIMON: Would you want to put an amendment on to my amendment to send it to.....

SENATOR STONEY: I may give that some consideration. I am wondering if perhaps Senator Cullan or someone else in the body could advise whether presently when an individual is to have surgery if a consent form is taken by the physician indicating that perhaps there may be complications with the surgery and that individual should know that prior to undergoing that surgery that is contemplated? And if they do obtain such a consent form, what are done with those consent forms presently? I guess no one has the answer. I will attempt to find that, Mr. Speaker, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise in support of Senator Simon's amendment because I feel this way the patient would be informed that laetrile treatment is not a prescribed form of FDA or of the Cancer Society. I think it would bring to light some of the other things. I realize that when most people go to the doctor they usually consult with their doctor on a serious illness or disease and then the two of them will sit down and decide what treatment is available and what treatment is best for them. So I would think by filling this form out at least the patient and the doctor would be in agreement and then they could go from there. I commend Senator Simon for bringing this before the body.