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the law. Now the last amendment, the fifth amendment, is going to be the controversial one, evidently, over whether hospitals should or should not be forced to administer laetrile and I find it so darn ironic that the main basis of this bill is to allow freedom of choice in laetrile use and yet we have a section in this bill that basically says a hospital or a nursing home or a clinic or other health care facility won't have a freedom of choice in whether they allow that to be administered in their hospital or not. I would submit to you that probably there won't be any problem with that section and also add that it doesn't take out entirely section 6. It only takes out the sentence that says no hospital...shall restrict or forbid the use of laetrile under this act. I believe that if you are really sincere that we are going to allow freedom of choice in laetrile use and administration that you ought to take out that section or I mean that sentence in that section and allow a hospital to decide for themselves whether or not they wish to allow the use of laetrile in their hospital. I do think that you won't find the problems that have been identified by Senator Labeledz and I think that the situation we have had in this state is that laetrile, to use it you have to go to other states or even to Mexico or other places. If there is a problem in a town that a small town's hospital doesn't want to allow the use of laetrile, it is not going to be anywhere near as great a burden to go to Lincoln or Omaha or someplace else where a hospital would allow it than the present situation where you have to go to Mexico or Illinois or Oklahoma and so I know it would be a burden in some cases where this would be denied but overall you have got to allow freedom of choice if you go with the philosophy and the basic principle, you have got to carry that principle throughout or I think that you are being hypocritical and I think to allow that sentence in this bill would be hypocritical and I urge your support for both sets of amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first order of business is the proposal to adopt the first four of Wesely's amendments to the Labeledz amendment. All those in favor of adoption of amendments #1 through #4 as proposed by Senator Wesely vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the first four Wesely amendments. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Recrd.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 2 nays on adoption of Wesely amendments #1 through #4, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first four Wesely amendments are adopted.