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cision. I support the kill motion of LB 382.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully call for the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate is ceased. Senator Cullan, do you wish to close on your kill motion?

SENATOR CULLAN: I yield very briefly to Senator Simon. He had a couple of comments he wanted to make and then I would have some concluding remarks.

SENATOR SIMON: Thank you, Senator Cullan. I want to touch on a couple of additional points and to give some examples of things that Senator Cullan was talking about in terms of cases that could have been treated and let me read a couple of these, and this is quoted from a doctor who wrote a book, The Doctor in Search of a Miracle. Doctor Nolan diagnosed fairly early treatable cancer of the uterus for a thirty-five year old mother. Instead she decided to take laetrile. She went to Mexico and spent \$3,000 in laetrile treatments. By the time that she realized laetrile was worthless, returned to Nolan, and six months later the cancer had spread to her pelvis, bladder and rectum. A month later she died. Case one. Here is another doctor who cites a similar case in which a sixty-five year old woman with early breast cancer refused surgery despite, and this is the point, despite a 90% chance of cure, despite a 90% chance of cure. By the time that she returned to the doctor three years later, the tumor was ulcerated but even then she refused orthodox treatment. The cancer proceeded to spread. She died. I could go on and on and on. It is very scary what is happening. The concept of freedom of choice that Senator Labedz, Venditte and Kahle talk about, let me just give this example. A doctor says that is ludicrous. If you have a child who is playing with matches, you don't give him the freedom of choice. You know those matches are dangerous and you remove those from his possession. I think that it is very clearly shown that laetrile has not been proven to be effective. Not only