

to handle marijuana in our drug laws, how to treat it here and there, and you want to know one thing they keep bringing up? They said we should have, the state should have, and the feds should have and they developed systems for medical use, and using some of the chemicals in there that can be used medically. They said, yah, you can abuse it. You can sit here and get high as a kite, but you can also use it for beneficial purposes like they have developments in cancer treatment and glaucoma. As I say, any drug can be used properly or abused. All I'm trying to set up is a system to use properly. Okay, cost. Bernice, cost...the system I'm setting up puts that \$100,000 for each drug on the feds. They finance it, not us. The total cost of this program, the total cost, Bernice, is maybe 30 to 50 thousand, and you're handling several, and you have an outlet if somebody raises a question on something else. Now, I'm going to tell you all something. I think there is a problem developing in this state and across the United States, Bernice, a problem developing and get this, on abuse of marijuana and then driving. They test somebody and they say, well by golly he was floating all over that road, but he wasn't drunk. I'm going to sponsor legislation next year and I'm telling you right now so that we have testing equipment to test if they've been using marijuana, and make that offense just like drunk driving. That's one of the things that we can develop out of this. Now, these chemicals, drugs, whatever you want to call them, shouldn't just be licensed by action of 49 legislators to be used randomly because we happen to think that somebody might want to use them. History has shown risk to this. I am offering a system on both of these... medical control, that's all it is, a system for experimentation, development, control. I think you'd be foolish to reject the amendment. I really do. I think you're going to lose the bill without it, because I don't think enough legislators are going to say to themselves, yup, we the Nebraska Legislature are now the licensor...the licensor of new drugs, and how do we determine whether we're going to license them? Well whether we have a clamor of people saying we want this. I'm not saying laetrile is good or not good. I'm saying we should set up a system where we can learn, and where under the proper conditions it can be developed, controlled, used, criticized, whatever. The same with the certain chemical ingredients of marijuana, which can be used for glaucoma and cancer. I'm just saying do it properly. That's all the amendment does. I urge you to adopt it, and I think if you do adopt it, Bernice, I think the bill will pass. I think without it, it won't.