

cancer with laetrile by a licensed physician is permitted now relative to or subject to Section 5 which says this, Section 5 states that the proper procedure in administering laetrile will then be as follows: If a physician is going to administer laetrile to a patient, he must follow the guidelines as we have now established or set forth in Section 5 of LB 382. Now subsection (1) in Section 5 says this, it states, it states that patients must be informed that laetrile has not been proven as an effective cure for cancer, and I think this is first and foremost in the minds of many of my colleagues out here on the floor here this afternoon. They will be told, before a physician is given the permission to use laetrile, the patient will be told that the FDA has not given their seal of approval to laetrile and then, of course, the patient must sign, the patient must sign that particular statement, ladies and gentlemen, and I think it is rather obvious that a lot of what I have discussed here this afternoon was not in the original draft of my bill. This is what has come out from debate. This is the bill that you people here have written and not I. This has been very positive input and I appreciate this information. I think the bill as it is now written is a very good bill, John. Okay, we are still in Section 5 of the bill, subsection (2), and it states this, ladies and gentlemen, it states this that this statement that the patient has now signed will now be on file with the Department of Health so that if after one year you want to see how effective laetrile has been you can go to the file and check on John Doe and see how well John Doe is doing, because maybe after one, maybe after two or three years, you may think in your mind that laetrile is a very ineffective cure for cancer, and perhaps under these circumstances, you would have legitimate grounds to come back and say before this body, look, we have on file five hundred sixty-five people who have been given laetrile and everyone of those people today are dead and I think, of course, this particular section of the bill was drafted for our benefit in terms of drafting future legislation. Subsection (4) states that studies based on these statistics will be made again available and the results of laetrile treatments now be reported to the Governor and the Legislature annually. Going to Section 6 of the bill, it states that no health care facility shall restrict the use of laetrile. Yes, it sounds strong but at least it is giving, at least it is giving the person who is suffering from cancer the right to expect that laetrile will be made available to them if they so wish and/or desire and that is basically all that Section 6 of the bill says. Every hospital and