

it sounded to me like he said that in Section 9 the hospital would be required to administer. I think it does not say that it has to be administered but they can use their own judgment and can administer it if there is a demand for it. As I looked over the transcript from last year, I don't know how many of you can remember that long, my speech was to strictly to use laetrile as a freedom of choice and a lot of people from my district have used it and want to use it and that is the reason I supported it and I still feel the same.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Speaker, just one final comment I think that is important. I think that many of my colleagues here on the floor this afternoon expect a great deal of heated debate. Well, I can assure you that both sides have gotten together since about ten o'clock this morning, all the amendments that are now pending before this body at this point in time have been discussed and I think for the most part have been mutually agreed upon in terms of procedures that we will follow here this afternoon. So we have discussed this matter with both sides of the issue, both sides of the issue here this afternoon, and the procedure that we will follow have been agreed upon by both sides. So with that I think we can see the debate come to a quick close here this afternoon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Your time is up on the first ten minutes. Now the Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp has amendments pending.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature and Patrick, this is one of those good news, bad news type situations. The good news first, in the last six months I and some of the staff of the Legislature have met repeatedly with those who are supporting the concept of the laetrile bill. The essence of that conversation has been to request that I pull the "marijuana" amendments. For those of you who may have forgotten, the marijuana amendments have to do with the concept of setting up very strict controlled programs under the Health Department and in conjunction with the FDA, Federal Drug Administration, for the use of both marijuana and laetrile as experimental drugs to find out whether they do have beneficial effects. The laetrile people have said that they feel that that is the thing that is hurting their bill and their chances of advancement, in other words, the amendment I proposed. So out of respect for them and for their desires, I do agree