

we have got to allow that freedom of choice to the hospitals and other health care facilities in this state whether or not they will allow the use of laetrile in their facilities. That is exactly what this amendment appears to me to be doing and I think it is a proper step to take. Once this bill is passed and the criminal liability is dealt with, it seems to me that a hospital and other health care facility will feel no restraints in terms of providing laetrile or they shouldn't, and after making a careful judgment as to whether it is the proper thing to offer, they should have that choice to go ahead and offer it or not offer it and I think they probably will but it is the choice that they ought to be able to make and I certainly support the Stoney amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, do you wish to be recognized? Your light is on. We are speaking to the second Stoney amendment. Do you wish to speak to it?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Other than we accept the amendment, Mr. Speaker, and I call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes, do you want to speak to this amendment? He has called the question.

SENATOR KEYES: I just want to ask Senator Stoney a very simple question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Can you withdraw your...for a moment? Okay. Senator Stoney, Senator Keyes proposes a question to you. Senator Venditte has temporarily withdrawn his motion to....

SENATOR KEYES: I will just ask and expect a very short answer because it is going to be a very short question. In other words, if I go into a hospital and I demand laetrile and the hospital's policy is under their doctors and so forth is that they do not administer laetrile, they will not give it to me?

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Keyes, what this amendment accomplishes is that that particular institution would not be liable either criminally or civilly for the administration within that facility. Now you may have a physician, Doctor Jones, who has talked with you about this. The two of you have decided in your particular case that administration of this substance would be beneficial to whatever your condition might be. Now the doctor has the authority within that facility to administer that substance but the hospital or facility has the opportunity with this amendment then to