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has met the testing requirements in the Food and Drug Administration, and to my knowledge, laetrile has not met those standards. However, this bill talks about whether or not a doctor may prescribe in accordance with the wishes of a patient laetrile as a method of treatment. To the extent that laetrile was not obtained through interstate commerce, I think the bill probably would be effective. However, if laetrile comes from an outside source, ipso facto, that is a violation of federal law.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you wish to be recognized on the motion to advance? The question has been called for. The question is, shall debate cease? Do I see five seconds? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. Motion is to cease debate. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Shall I call for the vote? Announce the vote.

CLERK: 17 ayes, 17 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion fails. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have just a couple of brief questions for Senator Venditte, Mr. Speaker, if he will yield to a couple of questions.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you yield, Senator Venditte? Senator Hoagland has some questions.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have a couple of quick questions, Senator Venditte, if you can yield to respond to them?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Sure, Pete.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Venditte, you have read the Rutherford opinion, have you not?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, I have.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: And isn't Senator Landis' analysis of the Rutherford opinion essentially correct, that it remains illegal under federal law to transport laetrile across state lines? Is that your understanding, that is my understanding of the opinion and Senator Landis', and I wonder if that is your understanding?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, Senator Landis, would you do me this favor. I know that you have a copy of the decision