

do have as a lot of us do something that motivates me personally in this particular area. When I was a freshman at the Merchant Marine Academy, I had been there two or three months, about three or four months after we had graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy, I received a phone call and that is very unusual at the Academy because they don't allow you to have incoming calls until later in your stay at the Academy and so I went to the phone and I talked to my parents and they told me that one of my best friends from high school, a young man just seventeen years of age was dead and he died from cancer. He had a cancer about the size of a grapefruit removed from his stomach. He died a slow, painful death but that is not so unusual. It happens about three thousand times a year in the State of Nebraska. In the process of the laetrile research which I did, I learned that there are some areas in the State of Nebraska where the support for laetrile was very high, particularly in Senator Kahle's tri-county area. There is very strong support for laetrile in that particular area and that just was very interesting to me and I wondered why there was so much support from that one pocket of the state. So I did a little research with the Department of Health on mortality statistics and I learned that a lot of people in that tri-county area die of cancer for some unknown reason, a lot more people than die in most places in the country, with the mortality rate for cancer several times the national average. And I thought after that that rather than just fight Senator Kahle and Labeledz and Venditte on something that I thought was not good, that it is time to take an affirmative step and that is why we introduced LB 506 and that is why we passed it, not to fund general fund appropriations for the State of Nebraska. You didn't vote for LB 506 to increase the cigarette tax to pay for some other purpose. You increased it to fund cancer research. Let's do that now. Let's fully restore the funds later. Let's spend at least one cent of the fourteen cents that we extract from every smoker who buys a pack of cigarettes, let's spend one cent to insure that sometimes that individual may not die as quickly as a result of his own actions. Let's spend a little money in this important area. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Cullan amendment to LB 8. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Three are excused for your information, Senator Cullan. Have you all voted? Senator Cullan, do you want to have a roll call or a Call of the House or whatever?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would ask for a Call of the House and a roll call vote.