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LB 382

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte had moved to place LB 382 on General File pursuant to Rule 3, section 10. I understand he wishes to withdraw that and Senator Kahle will now offer the motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that it would be appropriate that I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my request, withdraw my name from the motion.

PRESIDENT: You can withdraw your motion. Then that is your motion and it shall be withdrawn. Now the motion is withdrawn. So Senator Kahle will now offer the same motion, is that what you are going to do?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: All right. Motion is withdrawn. Now, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kahle moves to place LB 382 on General File pursuant to Rule 3, section 10.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body.

PRESIDENT: Just one moment, Senator Kahle. I am checking something here on the fact that this resolution was just introduced. We will proceed. The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, I had a concern in this issue for a number of years. Probably the biggest concern in Nebraska comes from my particular area. I reread the bill again this morning and I hope those of you that are interested will open your book to LB 382 and glance through it and see what it says. It is permissive legislation to allow a physician or a hospital to use the substance Laetrile for the treatment of patients. Right now this is the question. Laetrile is legal nationally, at least to an extent, and what we are trying to do is to take the gray area out of it so that the physicians and the hospitals and those that wish to use it will know which way to go. I am not up here to tell you that I am sold on the product Laetrile and that I think it performs miracles. I don't think it does. I am really not sure what it does but I am concerned that people should have the right to use it that are sold on it and think it does help them and we have plenty of witnesses. I am sure you heard in the hearings