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under the jurisdiction of the federal government. I would also point out that the court ruling which allowed the use of Laetrile for terminally ill patients is on appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, and at the very least, we should wait until the Supreme Court comes down with the decision, but even then, it is something that is going to be handled on the federal level.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: I would talk about perhaps one of the most important aspects of this and that is that the Legislature would be giving credence, we would be enforcing the use of Laetrile which the medical societies and the medical experts in this country tell us is useless, and perhaps even more important, not safe and the State of Nebraska, if we adopt this bill and if we pass this bill, are going to be encouraging people to use something that is not only useless according to many experts but also perhaps harmful. I would talk about precedent, too. The State of Nebraska becoming engaged in approving drugs, this year Laetrile, next year something else through the legislative process and I hate to set a precedent to authorize the use of certain drugs through the legislative process when we have no research on them. We simply depend upon testimony from one expert or another and, frankly, I don't know in my own mind and I can't prove whether Laetrile is good or bad. The evidence is the other way. I would also point out...

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, I would like to speak again later. I think this is a very important issue and I hope that you will reject this.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I also rise to oppose the motion to bring this bill before the floor. I do so for many of the same reasons Senator Cullan has expressed but I want to share some additional information which I have with the members of the body. Senator Cullan mentioned that there have been cases of poisoning and there have been deaths. There have been a number of deaths that have been reported due to cyanide poisoning which is a direct result of Laetrile. Opponents will say, well, this could happen if you take aspirin but the point is that people have died by taking Laetrile. Senator Kahle has said, now let's give it to a person who