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that I don't at this time have any amendments to deal with but I do think that in some form we can make LB 382 a very workable, reasonable bill and it could meet the needs of the different individuals in this state that are very concerned about cancer treatment and the problems associated with that devastating disease. So I will leave it at that. If you have questions, I will answer them. I ask for your support of my amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You are moving the adoption of all of your amendments on this sheet as you indicated, is that correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: How many are there then?

SENATOR WESELY: There are five.

SPEAKER MARVEL: One, two, three, four, where is the fifth?

SENATOR WESELY: A tortured five.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the....these are amendments to Senator Labeledz amendments. Senator Hefner, do you wish to speak to....

SENATOR HEFNER: I will speak on the Labeledz amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right. Senator Johnson, do you wish to speak to the Wesely amendments to the Labeledz?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I do, Mr. Speaker. I have not been as familiar with this issue as Senator Wesely has and, in fact, I have been sort of working this morning in my own mind as to what I should do on this issue as a responsible state legislator, and in looking through the Labeledz amendments, the one provision that did strike my eye was her section 6 which says specifically that a hospital or a nursing home or a health care facility shall administer laetrile, if laetrile has been prescribed by a physician and the patient has consented to use it. And as I sit here and am troubled as to how to vote on the laetrile issue knowing that the Food and Drug Administration has not sanctioned its use and thinking in my own mind about the thalidomide controversy that raged in this country for several years and how in the end the Food and Drug Administration was right, I recognized that hospitals and nursing homes and health care facilities could go through the same kind of anguish as to whether or not they really