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Section 6. In other words, this is just going to destroy the bill. There is no way, that is what is happening now. These people in small towns that are taking laetrile have to leave their home and go to another state or go to Mexico to obtain laetrile. Now we are telling them they can't go to a hospital in their hometown because the hospital refuses to administer laetrile. This is a prescription from their doctor. They have signed the consent form. They have been told of all the conventional methods and I am going to oppose and ask Senator Wesely once again, will he withdraw his amendment? If not, I am going to ask for a division of the question so that this part where he is eliminating Section 6 which will destroy the bill, as far as I am concerned, be divided and we vote on it separately. I so move.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I would ask, Senator Labeledz and Senator Wesely, would you come forward please? To facilitate the progress on this bill, the first motion will be on Wesely amendments #1 through #4 and I understand Senator Labeledz and Senator Venditte do not object to the first four. Is that your understanding, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, will you move...we will then be voting on the Wesely amendment, the first four, in one package, and then #5 which the two cointroducers object to. Senator Wesely, do you have any other comments before we vote on your amendments?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would like to close on those. The first four amendments, just to summarize again, basically do this, one, it identifies laetrile as a drug under the sections of law in Nebraska that are identified in the amendment. The purpose is simple. All I am trying to do is get at the one problem that really concerns a lot of people and that is misleading advertising for laetrile, that it will be a cure-all and will do everything for everybody and we ought to keep it just as any other drug, basically, that helps people but can be misused or have misleading advertising. That gets at a central problem that we have with this bill. So that is one amendment. The other thing just more clearly identifies what the Health Department will do in terms of regulation and it is not restrictive any greater than what we had in the bill already, just a clarifying amendment, and last on those first amendments, it just has a penalty clause where there will be a Class II misdemeanor if you violate any sections of