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Senator Cullan, do you want to speak on amendment #5?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, I do. Senator Labeledz, I wonder if you could yield to a question please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Labeledz, what you are saying in opposition to this amendment is that a hospital should be forced, whether philosophically they agree with this, the use of laetrile or whether irrespective of the beliefs of the hospital or the institution, they should be forced to allow the use and prescription of laetrile in the hospital, is that true?

SENATOR LABEDZ: When your doctor prescribes any type of drug in any hospital or nursing home, aren't they forced to administer that? Why should we make an.....

SENATOR CULLAN: That is not the question I was asking, Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes. Yes, that is what I am saying.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Labeledz, did you assist Senator DeCamp and I and others in adopting an amendment to the criminal code a couple of years ago that allowed a hospital the privilege of forbidding abortions to take place in a hospital?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, I did.

SENATOR CULLAN: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Labeledz is saying that she is against abortions, and so am I, and so a hospital should not be forced to allow abortions to occur irrespective of what a doctor, an individual doctor in a hospital, might think but Senator Labeledz is for laetrile and Senator Labeledz is saying irrespective of what the hospital thinks they should be forced to allow it to happen. Now I think that is a very serious philosophical discrepancy and I think that I believe very strongly that a hospital should not be forced to allow an abortion nor should a hospital be forced to go along with the quackery that laetrile really is.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, do you wish to speak to the Wesely amendment #5?