

but, Mr. President, we have come across a quote from Dr. Manner. In 1977, and I quote exactly, "My results are worthless until some other laboratory reproduces them." That is the person who Bernice Labeledz just referred to as the expert because it is the only study that they could point to that I have been able to find and he, by his own admission, says that his results are worthless unless someone can substantiate them. Well, in my discussions with the Food and Drug Administration in the last month, no one has substantiated them and I would agree with Dr. Manner, his results are worthless. I think an examination of the evidence is clear, laetrile is useless. Even more important, laetrile is potentially harmful. There have been seventeen deaths and thirty-seven poisonings documented by the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center, a doctor named Joseph Ross. Now that is one man doing one study. Who knows how many more cyanide poisonings have resulted from laetrile. More importantly, laetrile diverts those who could have been cured under proven treatments to the worthless use of laetrile. Senator Venditte has said numerous times publicly that there is no cure for cancer. I think he should ask Bob Clark who once had cancer of the bowels, and by surgery, his cancer problem was solved and Bob Clark is sitting in the front of the Chamber. Now perhaps if Bob Clark had decided to use laetrile, he wouldn't be in the Legislature today. Laetrile quacks or promoters do try to divert people from conventional treatments. Now I know Senator Venditte doesn't intend to do that and Senator Venditte has been most honest. He wants people to take the conventional treatments first but I have distributed to you this morning some of the literature that these people passed out and you can look at it for yourself. This one is very interesting. "Are you a gambler? Or orthodox treatment," and they call them "cut, burn, poison or Vitamin B 17 therapy and sound nutrition." You know, if you are healthy now and you use the orthodox treatments, 84% chance of life. If you are healthy now and you stick with ole laetrile, why a 100% chance. You are not going to have any cancer problems. That is absolutely ridiculous, and the intent of these advertisements is clear, to divert people from surgery, from radiation, from chemotherapy to the use of laetrile. And that is going to cost lives in Nebraska and that is going to cost lives nationally and I will not be a part of diverting people from proven successful methods to the use of laetrile. Now these people are making some money off of this according to some sources. According to some sources, Dr. Richardson, the man in California, deposited about two and a half million dollars in a twenty-seven month period in a bank account in California. The doctor from Mexico deposited