

and, yes, 99% of you people have been very congenial, very, very courteous to these people. You have brought them into your office. You have talked to them for minutes out there in the rotunda. Many of them are very pleased as I have been. I am grateful for Senator Kahle's efforts on this issue as well as Senator Labedz. This has been one issue that I could say that I have introduced that I have had fun, literally fun, pursuing. Others haven't been as much fun. Even if this bill does get killed, and I hope and pray that it doesn't, this is one bill I can say I have enjoyed pushing. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we take the next speaker, in the South balcony from Senator Lamb's District 30 sixth grade students from Ainsworth, Nebraska, Shirley West and Jack Munter, teachers, in the South balcony. Will you hold up your hands? Where are you? Also from Senator DeCamp's District in the same South balcony, 39 fourth and fifth grade students from Antelope County rural schools, Mrs. Arnold Wahrer, teacher, nine parents. Where are you located? Welcome to you. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I speak against advancing this bill and this is the first time that I address this issue. I think Senator Cullan and Senator Vickers have both made a point that must be considered before we advance it or not advance it and that is what is the role and function of this Legislature, what is our expertise, what is our skill and what standards are we going to use to decide what should be allowed as a medical treatment and what should not? Senator Cullan points out that we have not until today decided to start picking and choosing among the thousands and thousands of products that are drugs or therapies or whatever you want to call them and say that this one is allowed and this one is not and I suggest that there is a good reason that this Legislature has chosen not to assume that responsibility to pinpoint single drugs and to say this one we are allowing and this one we are not, and that is because we do not have the expertise, that the political process as such is not a scientific process, and we have to spend about ten minutes here and understand that, that the way that we make judgments are based on the examples that Senator Venditte has talked about, the number of the people in the balcony, the phone calls we get at home, the personal testimonials. Those are the things that speak to us because those are political actions. We make our decisions based on those political actions. I would suggest that there are certain things and certain issues that it is