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highly inappropriate to resolve on the basis of phone calls, on the basis of people in the balcony and I would say that a medical issue such as this, a health care issue that affects so many people in this state is not one that it is appropriate for this Legislature to move on and it is not one that we are equipped to deal with. When this bill was brought out on the floor, some proponents said you will be receiving a lot more information. The information we received has been letters of personal support, personal testimonials, but as yet the type of information that I think, the type of studies, the type of documentation that we should require in order to allow a product such as this to be sold have not been presented. Today with this amendment and with this bill and with the Wesely amendment we set up this state and the State Health Department as the Food and Drug Administration and I think that that is a very, very dangerous precedent for this Legislature. Are we going then allow other drugs to be put on the market based on the number of letters, on personal statements? Is this the standard that we are now establishing for health care in the State of Nebraska? I would hope not. This Legislature chose not to kill this bill. I would urge that this Legislature not advance this bill until we get the type of solid information, the type of studies that we should establish as the standard for allowing health care practices in Nebraska. If we now are going to assume the responsibility of the Food and Drug Administration, I would hope that we would do it using a little more information than just the number of people in the balcony and the number of letters we have gotten in our office. I oppose advancement of this bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: The question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed no. The question is, shall debate cease? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate is ceased. The motion is the advancement of LB 382 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? This is the motion to advance the bill to E & R for Review. Have you all voted? Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, reluctantly I ask for a