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against the A bill. I would hope that you would support the A bill as it is in the book. We may have to change it but that would bring it up with 382 and I'm sure that there will be much discussion when that time comes. I would hope that we wouldn't take a lot of time. There's certainly differences of opinion on how this product should be tested and how it should be administered and whether the state should get involved in the testing, whether it should be manufactured here. I just urge you right now to vote for 382A and I'm sure that you will have plenty of chance, if you don't like the bill, for your crack at it later. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, colleagues. I'm a little behind on this particular bill. I just have a question of Senator Venditte, the introducer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Venditte, will you respond?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Venditte, my question is, what are we getting involved in here in the State of Nebraska with the General Fund expenditure to test a particular substance? Do we do this on any other substance at all? In this area, Senator?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well Senator Dworak I think because of the very nature of cancer as it is today, and I would say that because of the clout that the American Medical Association has and they, of course, are wanting to maintain the existing forms of cancer therapy, realize that if this particular substance ever became legalized entirely in this country, I would suspect that physicians many, many physicians today would be out of a job. Many of them are making their living on the orthodox forms of cancer therapy.

SENATOR DWORAK: Senator Venditte, will we be testing these other orthodox forms of cancer therapy?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well Americans are currently testing those forms Senator Dworak and they are dying by our present forms.

SENATOR DWORAK: Will the State of Nebraska be asking, be asked to test these other forms or any other treatment or substance that might be coming out? Why would we single this out? Why is this unique that the State of Nebraska would have to test this substance and no other? That is the crux of my question.