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LB 382

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are now ready to start LB 382, thirty minute time limit, and the Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, as all of you know, LB 382 came up for debate Monday, I believe it was, several days ago for thirty minutes. Now it is a very simple matter, of course, to stall a bill when you only have thirty minutes. The time runs out. It is a very simple matter to put amendments on it. It is a very simple matter to talk it to death for those thirty minutes. The only reason that I ever got involved with the laetrile issue was because of the people in my district. They worked hard last year and some of them the year before to try to get a bill through the Legislature that would make it a little bit simpler for them to use the substance laetrile and to perhaps get a little help from their insurance companies. That is the only reason I am involved and my name is on the bill and the only promise that I made those people is that I would do the best of my ability to see that that bill had a chance to be voted upon in the Nebraska Legislature and that it be given a fair shake as to how it would be handled. We are now again today on a thirty percent, thirty percent, on a thirty minute time limit and I am sure there are those in this body that would do just about anything to get the laetrile bill killed, and probably will run us out of time again but I am going to make a plea to you and for the people that I represent that we let this issue come up to a vote. I know there are at least six or seven amendments on the bill. I know what all of them are I think. Some of them have very little to do with laetrile, practically nothing. Some are certainly only to kill the bill or to delay it. I can't stop you from doing this. That is the procedure of the Legislature and I am not going to try to. All I ask is that we have a chance and a fair shake to take a vote up or down. I don't believe that is asking too much of this body for the people that I represent. If you want to deny them that, I can go home and I will say, well, all I did was try but the Legislature wasn't willing to listen, they weren't willing to even look at the facts and the cure record that these people say that they have had. There are many things, and I could spend my five minute or whatever I have trying to talk down what those amendments are going to be. There are several. One, I am not sure that Senator DeCamp will introduce it but it has a great deal to do with marijuana. It is a great marijuana bill. I read it this morning and it mentions laetrile two or three times in the whole bill. So it is a marijuana bill and I am not against considering