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CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte to close on his motion. Okay, ready to vote? The motion is, shall the Chair be overruled? Okay, sorry, the motion is, shall the Speaker's agenda be overruled? All those in favor of overruling the Speaker vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted? Senator Venditte. Senator Venditte, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, I suppose, Mr. Speaker, one thing we can do is continue the, what, twenty minutes we have left on the thirty minutes on your agenda if this fails, if we can do anything with what we have left.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, I am going to call the question then. Okay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 21 nays to overrule the Speaker's agenda, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Now, do you propose...would you like now to discuss the amendments to the bill, Senator Venditte? Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I have two amendments on the desk, Mr. Speaker, and I want to say from the outset that these are genuine good faith amendments and I am not filibustering this bill and I am not game playing. My amendments are both found on page 1779 and I want to briefly argue in favor of the first right now and I will limit my argument and I have no objection if we bring this to a vote within just two or three minutes. Now what the first amendment does is it indeed requires the Department of Health to set prices with respect to laetrile. Now one of the biggest concerns I think that a lot of us have about the laetrile bill as currently written, and I know Senator Cullan has expressed his concern a number of times, is it permits unscrupulous laetrile marketers to profit off the pain and the suffering and the fear of ill persons who will look to any means possible to cure their terminal disease. Now again this particular amendment requires the Department of Health to set reasonable prices for laetrile in the State of Nebraska so we won't have people marketing laetrile and taking unfair advantage of people for their own personal profit. Let me give one example and then I will end the argument for this. I got a telephone call about ten nights ago from a gentleman in Omaha who is one of the proponents of this bill who is thirty-three years old and