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SPEAKER MARVEL: While the Clerk is recording this, I am going to try to keep the Legislature under Call in fairness to the introducers so we get as much done as possible.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Senator Hoagland, the Chair recognizes you for your second amendment.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me explain this second amendment as briefly as I can, Mr. Speaker. Again out of respect for the introducers, I really want to keep this to a minimum. Now the second amendment is also found on page 1779 and I would encourage you all to open up your Journal books and take a look at it. Now what it provides is that no physician can prescribe or administer laetrile to a patient unless that patient is currently at the same time undertaking conventional proven cancer therapies or he has undergone conventional therapies and they have been unsuccessful or the side effects that he suffers from conventional therapies are so great that they are intolerable in the judgment of the physician. Now I think the reasons for this are apparent and this is the most important amendment that I have to offer. The principle criticism the doctors registered of the use of laetrile is that people will be deceived out of using accepted known means of cancer therapy and will instead use a drug that from a scientific point of view has no effect at all and I think the way to protect people that have cancer is to permit them to use laetrile provided, provided they are simultaneously using or exhausted accepted cancer therapies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Hoagland amendment. Senator DeCamp, do you want a ruling on your amendment? You have an amendment to the Hoagland amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: I have an amendment to the Hoagland amendment. I promised I would not offer it until I had confirmed it with Senator Bernice Labeledz and Senator Patrick Venditte. I suggested to them that this is probably the only reasonable alternative to at least getting something in a bill on laetrile and having a shot at whatever they want to do and they finally have agreed to this if this amendment were adopted and all the others were pulled. So I would hope this amendment, because it deals with the therapeutic type activity, even though it deals with it in considerably more detail, would be germane because that is essentially what Senator Hoagland is doing and he says he has no objections to the amendment.