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LB 382

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan to close on his kill motion on LB 382.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, very briefly in closing, I understand Senator Kahle's motives and I think Senator Kahle, Senator Labedz and Senator Venditte are very, very sincere in what they are attempting to do with LB 382, and so am I, but keep in mind that LB 382 will not have the objective that Senator Kahle has espoused in his arguments against the kill motion. LB 382 will not legally make laetrile any more available in Nebraska today, and the day after this bill passes, if it passes, than it is today or yesterday. The only effect, the real effect, of LB 382 is to give a stamp of approval to a substance that the entire medical community feels is not effective and I think to give a stamp of approval to fraud and quackery in the State of Nebraska. Also keep in mind that the State of Nebraska does not specifically authorize the use of any other of the one, of the hundreds, or thousands of drugs and treatments that are used for the hundreds of diseases that afflict mankind and I think it is unwise of us to get into the habit of singling out one substance for one disease in the legislative process. It is a practice that we will long regret and it is a bad precedent that we will set today, if we do not indefinitely postpone LB 382.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the indefinite postponement of LB 382. All those in favor of killing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. It takes 25 votes on Select File. The motion is to kill. Have you all voted? Senator Cullan, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I would ask that the House go under Call and that we have a roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The House is under Call.

SENATOR CULLAN: Then I would ask that we get them in.

SPEAKER MARVEL: And all legislators should be in their seats, and if they aren't, they will be, Senator Cullan. Do you want a roll call vote?

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, I would want a roll call.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, clear the Board, Mr. Clerk. All legislators please record your presence. Senator Koch, Senator Warner, Senator Goodrich, Senator Wagner.