

lobby on a piece of legislation, lobby especially on a piece of legislation that is before us at this time. So without any further discussion, the Chair would appreciate the fact that those who are on the floor of this Legislature, especially under the balconies, will please abide by the rules of the body. I am speaking on behalf of the rules not on behalf of any particular individual. Now we have the following, Senator Labeledz, do you wish to be recognized? Senator Cullan, do you wish to be recognized? We are speaking on the Dworak amendment.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Venditte, I wonder if I could ask a question of Senator Venditte, please? Senator Venditte, before I begin I would like to tell you that I have not talked to Senator Dworak about this amendment and I have withdrawn my amendments so I am not trying to stall. Senator Dworak raises a point that I find interesting and I would like some clarification and my question is this, Senator Venditte. I recognize the licensure aspects of the Section 7 which you mentioned. I understand those sections which you presented to us do relate to licensure. My question is as it relates to civil liability. For example, Senator Venditte, let us assume, as you know laetrile contains cyanide and as you know cyanide, as you know there has been a death in California where young children consumed a large quantity of laetrile tablets and died of cyanide poisoning, and my question is this, Senator Venditte. If a doctor were to prescribe laetrile in large quantities to a young child and it resulted in the death of that child directly attributed to that prescription, would the doctor under Section 7 be relieved of civil liability for medical malpractice when clearly the death was caused by the negligence of the doctor? That is my question, Senator Venditte.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte, do you wish to....

SENATOR VENDITTE: Well, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I think this is rather an interesting analogy that I will bring before us here this afternoon. Just recently a doctor has been chastised by not just the community but by his profession...

SENATOR CULLAN: Excuse me, Senator Venditte, I appreciate your comments and I know you will have time to comment when the bill is before us but I would like a specific answer to a specific question if you could please oblige me as it relates to the civil liability (interruption).