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those who have researched this. I think Senator DeCamp stated it correctly earlier. All we are doing is perpetuating a hoax if we pass this bill and that is not the responsible thing for this Legislature to do. I oppose advancing LB 382 to Final Reading.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz to close.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would first like to address some of my remarks to Senator Chambers. First of all, I did confer with Mr. and Mrs. Green and, yes, Chad was embalmed because it took three days before the autopsy was performed. Dr. Raasch got some of the embalming fluid and tested it to be sure of the affect of the embalming fluid on the tissue. He found no higher level of cyanide because of the fluid and said, that had Chad not been embalmed as a preservative, he would not have been able to determine anything. Now we should be able to talk, check and have confidence in Dr. Raasch. He has twenty years experience and was chosen by the State of California and approved as experienced by the Massachusetts General Hospital. He also mentioned the fact and brought in the abortion issue and child abuse. As far as I am concerned, the greatest child abuse that we have today is abortion. We'd also talked about the fact that with the abortion issue a young girl, a minor, thirteen, fourteen years of age, Senator Chambers, can go and have an abortion without even the parent's knowledge, without their consent or even consulting with them. At least here we have a child and many other children under laetrile that are under the care and guidance of their mother and their doctor, but with an abortion, you brought this up yourself, a child can have an abortion without the knowledge, consent or consulting with their parents. LB 382, it forces no one patient, no doctor, no pharmacist, no hospital to use laetrile. It only provides a choice for them if anything to use laetrile. LB 382 places a strict set of guidelines for the purity of laetrile and its proper distribution. This can be a problem in foreign countries where Americans must go now to receive laetrile and nutritional therapy. It is very imperative that we bring this study and this therapy and the maintenance in quality and purity back to your United States where these standards and conditions can be kept at a strict level. It also protects, LB 382 protects and guarantees the cancer patients, the doctors, the pharmacists, anyone else who may choose to use laetrile as a nutritional therapy. It also demands and keeps a patient's record and this is most