

HB

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COMMITTEE REPORT

5/6/76

HOUSE

Mr. Speaker:

Date May 12, 1976

The Committee on JUDICIARY has had HB 881

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

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() recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT
CS FOR _____ DO PASS

() "and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____
COMMITTEE

() reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

() "other"

Members signing the Majority report:

Terry Anderson Do Not Pass
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Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

_____ recommends: Do Pass
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Terry Anderson Chairman

Original sponsor: State Affairs Committee
by request

Offered: 5/6/76
Referred: Judiciary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 881

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to interference with physician-patient
relationships."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. No person, group, organization or facility may interfere
with the physician-patient relationship by attempting to suppress, restrict
or forbid the use of amygdalin (laetrile) when prescribed or administered by
a physician and requested by a patient unless the substance as prescribed or
administered by the physician is found to be harmful by the State Medical
Board in a hearing conducted under the provisions of the Administrative Pro-
cedure Act (AS 44.62).

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* Sec. 2. No physician may be subject to disciplinary action by the State
Medical Board for prescribing or administering amygdalin (laetrile) to a
patient under his care who has requested the substance unless the State
Medical Board in a hearing conducted under the Administrative Procedure Act
(AS 44.62) has made a formal finding that the substance is harmful.

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May 5, 1976

Representative Lisa Rudd
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Rudd:

This is in protest to HR881, the bill which in my opinion would prevent physicians from policing their own ranks. It also is my professional opinion that Laetraile has no scientific reason to be worthwhile in cancer treatment and also has certainly caused various patients to not receive good cancer treatment and therefore has decreased the quality of cancer treatment and probably actually has cost lives, in my opinion. Therefore I urge you not to support HR881.

Yours truly,


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May 6, 1976

Rep. Lisa Rudd
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Rudd:

Enclosed for your information please find a copy of my letter to Rep. Susan Sullivan in reference to the position the Legislative Committee of the Alaska State Medical Association has taken against HB 881 entitled "An Act Relating to Interference with Physician Patient Relationship."

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Witt, M.D., Chairman
Legislative Committee

Enclosure

April 8, 1976

Representative Susan Sullivan
House HESS Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Sullivan:

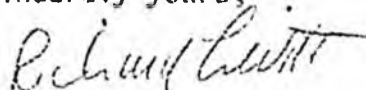
The Legislative Committee of the Alaska State Medical Association has studied HB 881 entitled "An Act Relating to Interference with Physician-Patient Relationship".

This bill if passed would effectively destroy all of the safety which has been developed in the hospital staff by-laws in the state of Alaska over the years. These safety regulations have been devised for the benefit of the patient. It would render any peer review procedures totally useless and would allow all manner of quackery, ineptness and unqualified activity, both medical and surgical, to go on. In short, chaos would reign in our hospitals.

Today, with our own by-laws, an active surveillance of physician activity in hospitals, only qualified people can do intricate, risky procedures and only properly recognized proven modalities of treatment are given. This is what all the laws have pointed towards many years. The "real" right of the patient is the right to know he will receive the best possible medical care and will not be subject to whims, capriciousness, and down right quackery.

We urge that HB 881 be tabled in the best interest of the public.

Sincerely yours,



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9 April 1976

Rep. Lisa Rudd
House Office Bldg.
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Rudd;

After viewing the filmstrip "World Without Cancer" I researched the subject rather extensively and it immediately became apparant that so called facts presented by the film are really prefabrications! The drug never got past the preliminary studies done by reputable research groups and the so called "trophoblastic theory" of cancer is not even considered by eminent science people.

Mr. McNaughton, one of the top Laetrile people in Mexico, was convicted in Canada for conspiracy to misrepresent the value of mining stock, and in Italy he has been charged with swindling investors in a plant to produce Laetrile.

I'd be happy to testify at any hearings you may have on the subject.

Sincerely,

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