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you believe that people who commit other types of assaults and by other I mean other than sexual, could be mentally disordered?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I agree to that. Some of them...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do you think that this should not be handled in a proceeding like this?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is a good question and if we were to have an all encompassing law perhaps that would be the place. In this particular bill we are handling only one type of mental disorder and that is a mental disorder sexual problem.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Nichol, do you feel that more sexual or non-sexual assaults are committed in the state?

SENATOR NICHOL: I would...non-sexual.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, the area where the greatest number of assaults are concerned you don't want to deal with that.

SENATOR NICHOL: No. That is not my thought at all. My thought was that a sexual problem in crime is certainly different than a stealing problem. Many people steal all of the time but they don't create any sexual problems and vice-versa of course as you would well know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No but I didn't say stealing. I mean a physical act of violence, the application of force by one person against the body or person of another. I emphasize that I am not talking about crimes against property, stealing, larceny and things like that, but a physical assault. The application of force against the person of another.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes there are more of those than sexual crimes, does.....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you don't feel that ought to be dealt with?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I feel that it ought to be dealt with but I don't feel that in the hearings that we held on this case, on this bill, we didn't go into those at all. We tried to narrow it down to sexual crimes, as you well know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But your amendment offers a procedure which says ninety days prior to the release of this person