

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who makes the determination that this person falls under the...within the scope of this bill?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, the Mental Health Commitment Board would be the one just as they are now for the mentally ill and for the alcoholic. This would just add drug abuser to the range of people that could be committed under the Mental Health Commitment Act, so the Mental Health Commitment Board which was established county by county.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So then drug abusers are now to be considered ill persons?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, or could be committed, I guess, is what you would say. They have to be dangerous to themselves and dangerous to others. All we are talking about now is the public morals thing. It would also be if we don't adopt this committee amendment, if they endanger the public morals, they could be committed and we are saying that is awfully hard to define so we are not on the bill yet, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, I will...the amendment doesn't bother me. I will let that go ahead and be adopted and then I will go on with the bill.

SENATOR WESELY: I would appreciate that. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion? Senator Chambers, were you finished? Okay, the question...Senator Wesely, did you want to close on the amendments? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments. If you wish to vote, please do so. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendment is adopted. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members, I would like to talk now about the bill. The bill was brought to the Public Health and Welfare Committee from the Department of Public Institutions. They have had a