

to ride a motorcycle with a hat on your head because some doctor says he doesn't think people should ride motorcycles without hats on their heads. So then maybe somebody interested in shoes says, well, we should describe and set up the kind of shoe that ought to be worn when you ride a motorcycle.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or for people such as myself who are on that long drive between Omaha and Lincoln sometimes say that a person driving a car must wear shoes at all times, which I don't always do. I am not trying, I don't think, to drag a red herring before you. I am just saying you ought to give serious consideration before you routinely expand the number of persons who can involuntarily lose their freedom because a group of people have decided that their conduct is so undesirable and so unacceptable that they ought to be locked up someplace. And when you look at some of the problems that the Department of Institutions has and some of the difficulties that people encounter who are brought before these health boards, then you should give the kind of thought that I hope you will before adopting this piece of legislation. I am going to listen to Senator Wesely talk again and see if he can show cases where these types of persons that he is talking about are so totally incapable of functioning in society that they should be in a position to have their freedom taken away from them when they have done nothing which is criminal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have no other lights on. Senator Wesely, are you ready to close? Did you want to talk again? All right, do you want to speak in addition to closing, Senator Wesely?

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Then, Senator Chambers, you may go again.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, then I will have to ask him some questions. Senator Wesely, how many cases did the department bring to you of people who they wanted to call drug abusers, whatever that means, that necessitated this bill?

SENATOR WESELY: They didn't give us any direct numbers.