

Those undesirable classes are the ones who would come under the operation of this bill since all drug addicts potentially can be taken.

SENATOR WESELY: But you have to understand that, just as you said, we don't want to be committing people all over. We only want to commit if they are a serious threat to themselves or others, and...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Or like the criminal justice system, if they commit a homicide and they are poor, we have the electric chair, but if they are a Lincoln socialite and smother their own daughter, then they go to the Menninger Clinic for treatment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that what this is envisioning also?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Chambers, you know this language you are referring to has been in the mental health commitment law for a long, long time. We are not affecting that whatsoever. We're just...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's coming to my attention and I have to deal with it. I am not aware of a lot of the statutes.

SENATOR WESELY: I don't think...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Here is what I will say because my time is running. If a person is a drug addict and he is a doctor and he threatens his wife or threatens his children, that should be a threat of violence. But we know that is not going to be touched by this bill nor will they attempt to commit that physician against his will or commit any physician or upstanding citizen against his or her will and we can look at the types of people who are committed now. But as I said, all I am going to do at this point is put my "no" on the board. And when you start talking about Russia taking people who they don't like because of their politics and locking them away as mentally ill, look at the types of things that are being done through this piece of legislation and I assure you that I am not just crying wolf.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, did you wish to speak again. Your light is on.