

just everybody being able to be committed. We want to make it limited and we think that drug abusers are no different than alcohol abusers. They can be a dangerous person to themselves and others and may need some commitment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, would you like to close now?

SENATOR WESELY: I would love to close, Mr. Speaker. This is not as complicated a bill as has been indicated. The definition under Section 3 is one that I will be willing to work with Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers on. It comes out of another statute that has been in effect for some time and thus is not a willy-nilly definition. The discussion about the risk to yourself and to others that would lead to commitment is language that has been in effect a long time under the Mental Health Commitment Act. There is not any change to that under this bill. What we are talking about is adding to those people that might be a threat those who abuse drugs and we know that that is coming on. It is a phenomenon that is more recent than mental illness and more recent than the alcohol abuse so it hasn't been included in the original bill or added since then and it is time that we finally did that. I can deal with some of the concerns of Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers and I am willing to do that. But the bill itself is not nearly as complicated or as big a problem as would be thought to be from the discussion and I think it ought to be advanced and I don't see much of a problem with it, frankly. I ask for your support at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the advancement of the bill. Have you all voted that care to? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would ask for a call of the house, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.