

right. But at this point I am merely rising to say that I support Senator Beutler's amendment, but it is not adequate to make the bill what it needs to be.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. I have an inquiry and do not know whether to address it to Senator Beutler or to Senator Wesely. Without the amendment, is overuse of the drug of alcohol covered? With the amendment, would it cut out the use of alcohol as a drug?

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. Senator Marsh, the answer to that is this does not affect the definition of the alcohol abuser. It only deals with drug abuser. That is the whole bill. The definition that we are using now for drug abuser that would then apply under the law is the same definition, essentially, that we have for an alcohol abuser. So we've taken the language that the alcohol abuser statute already has and applied it now to this one which adds drug abuser.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: You bet.

PRESIDENT: No further discussion on this amendment of Senator Beutler's? You wish to close, Senator?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Once again just briefly, Mr. Speaker, the effect of the amendment would be to narrow the definition of a drug abuser. It would define it, if you adopt the amendment, as a person addicted to the use of controlled substances. That is the total effect of the amendment. I would ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the amendment offered by Senator Beutler. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the Beutler amendment to LB 252. We are on Select File. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment to LB 252.