

PRESIDENT: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Do you have anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers has a motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, briefly, Urban Affairs will be conducting an Executive Session underneath the north balcony at eleven o'clock. Urban Affairs at eleven o'clock, north balcony.

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. That would lay it over unless the introducer agrees to take it up at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, take it up? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'll say again this is one of those times when I know that the cause I am espousing is lost. When you talk about expanding the definition of what constitutes mental illness you enlarge upon the number of citizens who can involuntarily be committed to an institution. It can be done under the pretext that they have a mental illness of some kind. When you define drug abuse as a mental illness then you don't have to prove anything further. I think about all of the things I read in the newspaper about how Russians take...how they allegedly take political dissidents and other people who don't follow the party line, declare them to be in need of mental treatment, and lock them away some place. I hear yow, yowing from the halls of Congress, through state legislatures and all types of organizations. But I think what the Russians do is far more justifiable than what is being done by this bill. America is the country which supposedly believes in individual freedom. Russia can say that the only people they feel are mentally ill, other than those who obviously in the traditional sense are what we would call crazy, but because of their political persuasion, the ones I'm talking about would be considered mentally ill, are a threat to the state, a threat to the existence of the state. The state is the father land or the mother land. Anybody would have to be mentally ill to do those things and advocate those positions that would destroy or undermine the state. So if you have somebody like...is Sakharov one of them, Solzhenitsyn, are those the people