

asking for something that the need may be there, but it is absolutely impossible to carry through. We are losing our detox center in Hastings, hopefully another center. I know our jails cannot. A lot of these people...I have reservations now that you are calling them mentally incompetent or so on and maybe we are going too far then because we don't have the facilities in central Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, do you wish to comment?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, I would sure like to comment, Senator Nelson. You are, let me see how to phrase this, you are...the issue you are raising is not an issue in this bill. There is another bill to deal with the question about the placement of people that are picked up with mental illness. That bill would say you can't place them in a jail. That is LB 167. This bill has nothing to do with that issue, as I tried to explain to Senator Goodrich. All it says is among the different reasons that somebody can go through the mental health commitment process is if they are a drug abuser and thus are dangerous to themselves or others, then they go through this process, in addition to what we now have, which is the mental illness and alcohol abuse. So it doesn't deal at all with the issue that you just raised and which Senator Goodrich raised. That is a different bill and a different subject. I'd be glad to talk to you about it, but not with this bill. Please, don't confuse the two.

PRESIDENT: There are no other recognition lights. Senator Chambers, you may close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, before I wrap up, I would like to ask Senator Wesely a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, you are on deck again for a question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, do you feel that I misread the law when I read what this bill would do in terms of a drug abuser being a mentally ill, dangerous person if...and the evidence of that is if he or she cannot provide health, shelter, food and so forth? Isn't that what the law says?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, you can interpret it that way. That