

two committees involved, and I would simply ask that before we start creating more money to do what we don't know what we're doing with, that we stop and take a look at it. We owe this to the people we represent not to continually take money from them in the name of whatever and not be able to tell them what we've done with it. I ask that this bill be indefinitely postponed so that an interim study committee can try and put together and make some semblance out of the several alcohol programs we are presently funding, and make it a little more effective proposition, one that possibly we could be a little prouder of than we can be of the present operation that we have proceeded to fund through the years. I move it be indefinitely postponed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak on the motion to indefinitely postpone?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I would yield my first three minutes to Sam Cullan, and I would reserve the right to say something after that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the reason that this bill is so important in this particular year is because of the decriminalization of intoxication. You can no longer take an intoxicated individual to jail. Now Senator Cope can tell you of a story with three innocent people...three innocent people died as a result of not...of that not having occurred, because these people were not taken to jail, but you can take them to a treatment center and there is no treatment center in Kearney, and there should be. There should be a detoxification center in a city the size of Kearney. I know of a treatment center in my own district, a detoxification center in Gordon where they have more alcohol consumption than any county in the State of Nebraska, and one of the highest in the United States that's going to close because of lack of funding, and I know that there are some good people, some white people and some Indian people who are going to be sleeping in the freezing winter this year, because they have no place to go and they can't be taken to jail. I know these funds are needed. Now if we're going to decriminalize alcohol, and you're going to decriminalize intoxication, you've got to pay for it, and this is one way to pay for it. Now Senator Schmit raised a point about who controls these funds. With the A bill that's coming