

what would you think? Your first reaction would be, hey, there's something pretty bad going on here...it's Fitzgibbon's brother, right...no, something pretty bad going on here...

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator...

SENATOR DeCAMP: ...but if you were told the man with the knife was a doctor, the man on the table was a patient, and they were cutting out his appendix, you'd say, well, that's wonderful, it all makes sense. Well, in the area of alcohol, alcohol treatment, you've got to remember we just turned the road last year. We just finally made a decision to completely go a new direction, to experiment in a new area. Instead of locking them up, we decided we're going to try to cure them. So you've got about one year really...one year with a new program and new ideas. Now how come we even changed the road? How come we even turned? Well, there were incidents such as the big Time Magazine report that showed that the City of Washington D.C. made an analysis of ten individuals that you'd call alcoholics, and I'd call alcoholics, and what did it cost the City of Washington just over the years to process them with the present system? The present system being, they go to court, they're picked up, thrown in the drunk tank, they go to jail so many days, released, back on the street with wine or whatever. For those ten individuals Time Magazine showed it cost three hundred and seventy-nine thousand directly, court time, jail time, the whole works for ten. Somebody said, hey, that don't make sense. Let's try to do something else. Alcohol is a serious problem. You want to know how serious? There are five alcoholics in this room now. You ready for me to name them? I can't, because I'm giving you statistics. In a group this size there are going to be five people who technically are alcoholics. That's right. In a group this size, according to the statistics in this country that's how many people should be having some kind of alcoholic treatment. Now, the liquor industry has said, yes, it is a problem, and we're willing to put in about a million bucks...800, 850 thousand more money this year. Sam Cullan, the Health Committee, they're willing to say, we're going to work harder. Yes, we need the money, we need the programs, and during the interim we're going to supervise them. Now don't expect perfection. Don't expect perfection the first year, the first six months. Sure, there are going to be mistakes. Sure, there's going to be some money misspent, and sure there are