

to our attention this forcibly. Recognizing LB 204... that bill had five years going through this Legislature, and ask Wally Barnett, if you can't remember it. It was a tough bill to pass because it was going to tax the liquor industry. It does tax the liquor industry and it is a beautiful thing to behold when you can resurrect a human life, and Senator Kahle, alcoholism is not cured. Alcoholism is not cured. It's arrested and brought under control with sobriety, but alcoholic once, alcoholic always. Senator Cullan, the problems out in Gordon...we visited with those people when we were in Scottsbluff last year, and they bragged of their tremendous success in the Panhandle programs up around Gordon with a ninety percent failure rate in their treatment. I submit to you and my colleagues that a ninety percent failure rate in an alcohol rehabilitation program...it's disasterville, it's wrong. It's absolutely wrong. I've never heard of a program except that one that would set with a ten percent recovery rate. They bragged. They said that's great. They're just tickled to pieces with ten percent success. I'll never forget that meeting if I live to be even 55. I'll find it difficult to support Senator Murphy's kill motion and LB 260 because of the dire need for alcohol rehabilitation, but ladies and gentlemen, will you please recognize that in this two million dollar question that we're talking of, there hasn't been one single word of prevention.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit, do you wish to speak to the kill motion? Senator Cope, do you wish to speak to the kill motion?

SENATOR COPE: Yes, Mr. President, and members, I would ask you to oppose Senator Murphy's kill motion. Senator Cullan was absolutely right. Three innocent people were killed in the last two months...that is one accident within the last two months west of Kearney, and very probably due to the decriminalization law that we passed. Too many people have approached me and said, what did the Legislature do at the last session in the decriminalization laws that this...that was responsible for this accident, very possibly responsible, and it's pretty hard to answer. Now I think we need to do something about preventing accidents like this, and this is a start. Not perfect... I'm sure. Nothing's perfect, but I think we ought to give it a try and I sincerely believe that Sam Cullan and his Committee will work very hard during the interim to get a better handle on where this money is spent and get it funneled in the right direction.