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LB 260

SENATOR CULLAN: Right. Well, you can't, the police officer has no authority to do that. Under LB 376 we would have some authority but they would take them first of all to a detoxification center.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, but there isn't one.

SENATOR CULLAN: Secondly, to a hospital or to his own home and as a last resort jail. That is in LB 376 which is pending yet this morning.

SENATOR KEYES: You mean beings we don't have any place to take him you can...under what grounds are you going to pick him up and take him home? Because he is drunk or because his wife wants him home or what reason? We have no place to send them in Sarpy County. We have them coming in on the weekend nights and what do we do with them, just let them sit out there and freeze to death.

SENATOR CULLAN: Under the current situation that is all you could do, Senator.

SENATOR KEYES: And what is this bill going to do?

SENATOR CULLAN: This bill will hopefully provide some of those...provide some additional detoxification services in different parts of the state.

SENATOR KEYES: For \$400,000, for \$400,000 you are going to provide....I don't know how much this thing is costing now. That is why I had an amendment up there that just struck the complete detoxification facilities out, collected the tax and let them take the drunks into the jail and sober them up in the morning. If anybody wants to get out of the alcohol can classify himself as an alcoholic and get out of it, he goes to AAA anonymous. I don't think what we are doing here is going to solve the problem one bit and it sure isn't if we have to build facilities or set up facilities within the next...it will take a couple of years to get them set up and \$400,000 won't put one up in Sarpy County.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to speak to the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the advancement of LB 260 to E & R for review.