

Public Health and Welfare Committee and we worked on this mental health commitment act many, many hours as I have said before, of legislative time was spent in developing that. Many hours spent on the floor discussing it. I would be very hesitant in voting in changes in that act when at least two people here who have a good deal of legal training say that there are serious deficiencies in those amendments. I think that we can reject the committee amendments. We would still have a bill before us. It is a bill that does address the question in a different way perhaps, but it does address the question. If those that are working on amendments could continue to work and try to come up with better amendments that are acceptable to people who are familiar with this area of training within this area, then I could go along with that. But at this time to accept amendments that are deficient and in so doing perhaps jeopardize previous years of legislative work in the area of mental health commitment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have got about 30 seconds Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay. I think to jeopardize those years of previous work would be a very dangerous action. I think that we should reject the committee amendments at this time and have the Judiciary Committee working with other people trying to come up with an adequate set of amendments that would not destroy the previous legislatures work. I think that we ought to stay with the bill as originally introduced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. President, just briefly. The original bill did nothing more than to repeal the sexual sociopath law, so I don't think that you want to stay with the original bill. These amendments, we are not saying are absolutely perfect and I think with the help of the people that are working with our own staff now, I think that we will have these worked out to a finer tune than we do now. I don't think that they are bad the way they are now. Senator Fowler, I agree with you. I would not like to pass a sloppy law. But, we must do something and we should do it this session because the present law is no good. The Supreme Court has said so. So, we should do it. But, I agree that we should not have a sloppy bill and I feel with a little more fine tuning between now and Select File we will have this worked out. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.