

before the State of Nebraska being set by this Legislature, just go away, Joe, just go away. You may hear it said, well, you can't compare the medical practice procedures that were in place twenty years ago with those that were in place today. Well, recognize that those medical procedures, electrical shock therapy for epilepsy which has never ever been a treatment for epilepsy, electroshock therapy, and those twenty-five sessions were done in secret, and the reason they were done in secret was very simply that they didn't want anybody to know that they were using this as a punishment, not as a medical procedure. Twenty years ago that was not acceptable and it is not acceptable today except momentarily by our Labor and Business Committee, and the answer that I offer to the Legislature is so simple and so inexpensive, and I will read it to you again so that we would have it in the record, is to have this Legislature appropriate \$65,000 and assign this money to the Hall County District Court and cause the Hall County District Court to appoint a conservatorship, a conservator, for Joe Soukup to help him receive training in the social skills that he needs and rehabilitation and vocation ability, help him with his economics to attain an education that he has not received. Now \$65,000 in the case of Joe Soukup's fifteen and one-half years is figured at the rate of \$4,000 per year to put into this fund and the fund should last for five years, and at that time, the rehabilitation program sponsored by this bill for Joe Soukup would end and the monies that the conservator has not utilized under court order for Joe Soukup's rehabilitation would be returned to the general fund. Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, please recognize this one point. Now listen to me, if you will. Should Joe Soukup have committed a crime...

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: If Joe Soukup had committed a felony, he would have all of these advantages that would be offered by this Legislature. He would have them in place automatically. He would be made a ward of the court. He would be under the court's protection. He would be given work release. He would be given educational release. He would be given hospitalization. He would be given physicals. He would have a probation officer to see to his best interests. We are not doing that with Joe Soukup and Joe Soukup's only crime, his only crime was that he was a battered child. I ask your compassionate