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is that these individuals who used to be taken to jail are no longer picked up at all, and I am certain that some of these individuals are now getting in their cars and driving away and that part of the effect of our decriminalizing intoxication is that these same individuals are getting in their cars and driving away. If we can develop facilities throughout the State of Nebraska so that these people can be taken off the streets, I think it will have a significant effect upon the number of DWI related deaths that we have seen in Nebraska. So setting up this network of detoxification facilities and protective custody facilities certainly should accomplish that objective. And, Senator Nichol, I think also wishes to comment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: In addition to what Senator Cullan has said, we do have concerns and we are in favor of further education, especially in junior high and high school age for some of these funds to be spent in that direction. We didn't want to push it down the throat of the Department of Education through whom we hope will wish to administer perhaps some of these funds for programs as they see fit in the schools rather than us dictating as to how this should be done.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: My concern is that while it is appropriate to use some of these funds in a sense for cure, but I would like to see a portion of these funds also used as a preventive type of program particularly as it relates to automobile accidents, and perhaps in the next few days before it gets clear over past Select File a portion of those funds could be utilized in an appropriate fashion that would more vigorously attack the increasing automobile accidents that we are having.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol, do you want to advance the bill?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, just one word if I may. We think this is a good bill. We are concerned about the problem Senator Warner had. I move for the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the advancement of 129 to E & R. Is there any discussion? All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have