

wrong with her mentally when if she killed her four daughters. So, we send her to the Regional Center to be cured of her mental health problem. Now the problem to be addressed by the Regional Center is to cure the person of the mental defect or insanity, whichever they decide is the fact. As soon as that person is "cured" or has overcome their mental defect, the mental health center, the Regional Center has no alternative but to turn that person loose. What we, and I use this we as Judiciary Committee, the sponsor of this bill, are seeking to attain is some way by which the court can receive this person when they are released by the Regional Center so that they keep control of them. They can watch them, monitor them, do whatever is necessary so that they don't fall back into the trap in which they were when they committed the dastardly deed, but in my opinion, we should tie this sort of bill to something that we have in the law books now. What we are attempting to do in the bill the way it is written is to tie it to nothing. We are embarking on a course all our own which is not tied to the mental commitment health, to the Mental Commitment Act and we are striking out on our own. What I predict will happen and I want this for the record, if we should adopt this bill the way it is, is that we will be tied up for many years letting people go free without any jurisdiction by the courts from whence they came or which sentenced them to either the Regional Center or a penal institution. What will happen, I predict, is that an attorney, as soon as they are hired by a client, will immediately get them discharged because the judge, the court, has no reason to keep them under their control. We say, well, we are embarking on a new course and there is no reason to have it tied to any other legislation or any other laws that are now in existence. But what I am saying to you is that by doing this we will be turning them loose without any jurisdiction over them and it will take years to get case law...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: ...into effect whereby they will be able to be held and to be corrected and maintained, monitored by the courts that sentenced them.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose Senator Nichol's motion to return LB 213. I would have to say that when I started this session out and even now, I prefer a slightly different version of what we are attempting to accomplish. Over the past weekend