

just let loose but they have some ability to monitor that person and make sure that the transition works properly.

SENATOR PIRSCH: We're talking then about back into the community with an outpatient kind of treatment thing.

SENATOR WESELY: Instead of just being let loose without any sort of strings attached. Our choice now is let out out, no strings, or this says, okay, if you have to let them out, there can be some strings through an outpatient status.

SENATOR PIRSCH: But the judge would still make that decision.

SENATOR WESELY: Right. I think it's beneficial in the long run to have this option because I would rather have that protection of that status than the current situation.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I definitely want to keep the protection of the sentencing judge to make that decision.

SENATOR WESELY: And I agree with you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Senator Wesely, please...oh, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Wesely, could I ask you a question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wesely, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: I received, just recently, two letters from entities in my district that oppose this bill because they said that the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act of 1976, the act already provides for the training of the Mental Health Boards. If more specific guidelines need to be developed, the act gives district judges the latitude to develop these without a change in the law. Can you reflect on that for me, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Are you talking about the particular part of this amendment that deals...I think you may be dealing with the bill itself, not this amendment. I think your question may be better...

SENATOR ROBAK: Well, the Mental Health Board training, is that