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for release, a recommendation of release, may be something very small or something very significant. Would you say that that was accurate?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Let's don't confuse release though with treatment. Two...

SENATOR BEUTLER: No.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...two different issues.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, I'm not, I don't think, because one of the criteria for release is a recommendation from the Department of Institutions that they receive maximum benefit under the...under the program.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's one. There also can be...you could be released with the need for aftercare. So, I mean, that's the other...that's the other part. You're not going to say that they're completely cured. I mean, part of the real beauty of this bill is that you can allow for some aftercare and just not kick them out of the Penitentiary.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But it's quite possible, in fact, likely that a great number of these people who will be in aftercare will not be completely cured, by any means.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Can I respond to that? The other word "cure", I think, is misleading. They don't have physical ailments where I can go and remove their appendix and make them all better. You're talking about mental disorders that may not have a cure. What you're talking about, in a way, a calculated risk no matter who we have. And so the word "cure", I think, misleads the body. I think the matter of treatment, some of these people, in their aftercare, may require just some reinforcement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I meant cure in a psychological sense, since I assume we're talking about psychological disorders of one type or another. But my problem is basically this. Under our current system, if somebody is let out on parole, under the current system, they could be let out into an aftercare program during that period of parole, could they not?

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.