

people are not a danger to society, I think we should keep them to the parole date and then during their period of parole provide treatment. I don't see the point to putting people into an aftercare program before their parole date in a situation where it's not clear that they're not a danger to society and where no professional and no court has been asked to make that determination or even reach that conclusion. Nobody is putting themselves on the line here. And I think that we need...all these words are vague, you know, how do they get into the program, if it's appropriate? Who determines if it's appropriate? Rules and regulations, I suppose, of the Department of Public Institutions, at some point, but nobody knows what those rules and regulations will be. And the word goes undefined. Then, from an undefined entrance into the program, there is basically an undefined exit because it's just maximum benefit. If you could receive very little benefit from the program, then I suppose if you receive that very little, then you qualify to get out because you have received the maximum benefit. I guess I just feel that this is one of those situations where sadly we don't really know how to really cure some of these people very well and it's a very iffy situation and I am reluctant to put people back into treatment programs before even their parole dates when we don't even know if they're cured. I mean, what...in a sense, we're saying that these people who are chosen to go through the public of institutions program can get out earlier than people who are not chosen to go through the Public Institutions program even though they committed the same offense, even though they committed the same offense. Now what basis is there for that, that we declare one person to be appropriate, that is, I suppose, sick in some sense, having some kind of psychosis, so the person who has a psychosis can get out of prisons effectively earlier than someone who we determine does not have a sickness or a psychosis but committed the sexual offense for some other reason. I think this whole area is very shaky. We have set out sexual offenders but I'm not...it's not quite clear in my mind why we don't set out other kinds of offenders, someone who steals, who is a pathological thief, a kleptomaniac. Should we have Department of Institution programs for them, divide out people, set up these systems? I mean, I think you can get back to some very basic philosophic questions as far as the fundamental program is concerned. But when it gets right down to what, I guess, my problem is with this system is that I think it's releasing people even earlier than they have been released and for no appropriate reason and for...and in a manner that's discriminatory vis-a-vis other people who