

have been convicted of the same offense. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Beutler, I'm not going to let you mislead this Legislature. Now, doggone it, this is one of these things where you can stand up on the floor of the Legislature and you can...you can say, you know, the world's really bad and these poor little people, why, why, we're going to let them out and they're going to try to scare everyone of you. And that is wrong, wrong, wrong. This is not what this bill is about. This...I mean, we've had a...we've had a task force on sex offenders for two years and if you think that task force is going to come down here and let these people out earlier because they feel sorry for them, you're wrong. I normally don't get exercised. I'm close. What this bill is about is a system that has no cure, Senator Beutler. You cannot give these people a pill and make them better. You can't do that. You can't go and give them surgery and make them better. I understand your concern. There is not a person on this floor that wants to let somebody out early just because we feel sorry for them. Now this amendment, let's go to what this amendment will do. The court has a decision here to make. The court is the ultimate protector of public safety. The court is going to make that decision on who gets released. What this amendment will do is in the opinion of the professional staff they're going to give the court some direction and say, well, you can rely on this because these people aren't going to do it again. Well, that's not what this is about. The court, the District Court is the ultimate decider of who gets out and who doesn't get out and who is released into society and what sort of treatment they're going to get afterward. That aftercare has got a lot of different things. What this is going to do is it's going to put the professional staff from the Department of Public Institutions on the spot. What is the Department of Public Institutions? They treat people. Their job is treatment. Their job is to evaluate and make treatment recommendations. The protection of society, who is that up to? That's up to the courts. So what's going to happen here is that if you pass this amendment, the staff at the Regional Center is always going to say, well, you know, there's always that chance, let's don't take that chance. They're going to do that to protect themselves. And when that occurs that's the current system we've got right now. I handed out a handout