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of Senator Rasmussen who spent a great deal of time and effort in drafting this bill. What Senator Chambers said in relation to the Parole Board is true. There is no way under the present Constitution and the law in which the Parole Board can't do what they want to within the limitation of doing away with the death sentence or commuting the thing down to the point that they want to. We cannot pass a law that makes any sentence mandatory to the point where they can't consider it and properly change it. That's the way it ought to be. Now, the Attorney General told this Committee, if I can understand the English language, this bill is not perfect. This bill does to the point that I think we can go with the information we now have from the Supreme Court. He says, I think I am on reasonably firm ground. I cannot promise any case I'll be successful or unsuccessful, but if you want me to defend the state in the area of the responsibility of this bill, this is a bill I think I can best defend the state. Now, Senator DeCamp comes along with an amendment as he has because I am the champion of amendments, and I am not in the position do I criticize him for doing what he is attempting to do. All I say, the man who has the responsibility and the only man that can defend this state is the Attorney General of the state of Nebraska, and if he says this is the bill I would best be able to protect the state, then I don't want it amended and he doesn't want it amended either in my judgement. I think we ought to have a bill of some kind. We've got to start some place in order to make a..at least some understanding and study through the action of court. This is a country, yet, of reasonable men. We have the courts who have the prime function to make the final determination of what any legislative body can do including us. Unless we have a bill, unless we start a bill on its route, how are we going to determine anything? And the court and their wise judgement, I am sure are going to protect those who might be in the position of being...their life taken away for whatever the reason might be, but I'm interested in getting something done in order to eliminate the vacuum in which I am not now understand it and I don't think most other people on this floor are. You can say anything you want to but we have the responsibility of the attempt to protect the people of this state collectively. This may not do it. I don't know, but until we try something how are we going to determine. If we had to know everything... the end result of every deal we passed, we wouldn't pass anything. We only determine these things by trial and error. In this case, the Attorney General says if I am to defend the state, this is the law which I propose to attempt to do it. He may be right. He May be wrong, but who am I to differ with his opinion in order to delude his responsibility of going to the court to do what he thinks his responsibility is. I'd have been willing to accept DeCamp's amendment or any other amendment in this case and only in this case because a man who defends this state says, if I am to defend it, this is the law I think I should have, and for the most part he wrote it at the request of Senator Rasmussen as I understand it.

PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the DeCamp's amendments. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This will be very brief. What Senator Carpenter said as far as he went is true about the Attorney General's testimony before the Committee, but this is what you would have to call a consensus bill. It came from a group of Attorney General all over the country meeting for the purpose of finding a bill which would reinstate the death penalty. When you take a little from north, a little from south, a little from east, and a little from west, you wind up with a hodgepodge bill like this which does not lay on any one point. There is no bases on which this entire