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I might suggest to you that you think about any bill you, as individuals, have introduced, if it's a medical malpractice bill, if it's a land use bill. One of the first things you do is you contact the people it effects doctors, lawyers, insurance people, land use people, university people, educational people and you say "What do you think? What's your input into this bill?" It's remarkable that upon this piece of legislation the dramatic effects law enforcement, more than any other bill before the Legislature, some how we seem to be taking the attitude 'You guys aren't entitled to say anything. You're all bad people and we've got to discipline you'. Well they are entitled to some input. They are entitled to give their opinion. That's all we originally asked that this be delayed until they could do that through the other bill. We compromised again and we said "OK, if you don't want to do that how about putting the provisions, these necessary provisions, into 432". No, that's rejected.

Having been rejected at every stage we have no alternative to protect the people and give adequate law enforcement, other than to give the death penalty to LB 432.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support Senator Chambers in his efforts on this bill. Here's several reasons for this. First of all in good conscious he has agreed to almost every amendment since this bill came on the floor. Whether Senator DeCamp knows or not, I have had many calls since this really effects more of Douglas County than any other place in the State of Nebraska. Last night the last message I had at 10:30 was "if Senator Chambers excludes the emergency we'll be very happy with this piece of legislation".

Senator DeCamp also knows that 782 probably will never see the light of day across this board. If he has time for a question I'll ask him this. Senator DeCamp, will this be your priority bill as it goes across the board? It's scheduled for hearing on the 11th of this month. Are you going to carry ... is your priority bill, across this board, to make certain it becomes law before this session ends?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well....

SENATOR KOCH: Well, yes or no.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Well are you going to let me answer or are you going to play games? First of all, there are two members on the bill: Senator Kime and Senator DeCamp. I can give you my guarantee and assurance that this bill will see the light of day if there are reasonable people on the Judiciary Committee, and I believe there are, and that it will be a priority bill of Senator Kime or myself this year. Yes.