

guaranteed in the Constitution, this is your opportunity. My personal preference is to kill this resolution as I attempted to do the other day, to retain the death penalty and to not have any bills amended in here into the death penalty and to keep the bill that was killed, killed. I think the death penalty serves a certain purpose, a certain deterrent. Others are legitimately in disagreement with me on this. That happens to be my belief. I think the majority of the people, particularly my constituency, would agree with this concept and by their adopting the amendment in this form or killing the resolution, I think we make a major step toward retention of the death penalty.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The motion before the House then is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment on LR 63. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you voted? The motion is on the DeCamp amendment, LR 63. Record the vote. Senator De Camp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Pardon?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Do you just want to let it go?

SENATOR DE CAMP: No, I'm very happy to see it. I think we have reaffirmed the need for the death penalty quite clearly.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 17 nays on the DeCamp amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Motion fails.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Is there a kill motion on the resolution, Mr. President?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: There is.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves that LR 63 be indefinitely postponed, and that should properly laid over.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Yes, unless...

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, would he ask unanimous consent or do you want to suspend the rules and take care of it right now?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Well, you would have to suspend the rules. If the body is willing to spend the time. We've already...

SENATOR DE CAMP: Let's resolve the death penalty now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We'll resolve this resolution now.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: It is agreeable to, certainly to the Chair, that we can take it up right now if you want to. You have to take a motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I so move.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: All right let's read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers then moves to suspend Rule 7, Section 3a, so as to take up the kill motion today.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Chambers, do you wish any debate in it? The motion is self-evident. You have to suspend the rules. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to this? All right, all