

That is what happens on this particular issue. I will never be discouraged. I will never forget what my obligation is and while others talk about elevating the sanctity of life by the state killing, need to attend some of the things I do. I was shocked that not another of these senators, especially those who are so strongly in favor of the death penalty, attended the briefing that the institution was giving to those people who would have to carry out the execution. Nobody was there but me.

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not one.

PRESIDENT: Senator Owen Elmer, please, then Senator Nelson.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members, earlier today during debate Senator Chambers mentioned one particular crime that deprived my children of a pair of grandparents. These people's lives were valuable. All victims lives are equally valuable. All these victims had the right to life. Their lives have been ended prematurely whether they were old, young, babies or a person in the prime of life. These penalties, whether they be capital punishment or incarceration, must be swift, sure, irrevocable and not subject to plea bargaining. We have many moral questions other than murder, such as abortion, sexual abuse, child and spouse battering. It has been brought out that we are personally frustrated with the system as it is not...as it is now, not working, but capital punishment does have its place in these considerations and I support the indefinite postponement.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I guess I'm trying with this bill like I know that many of the rest of you are. I actually feel like that I probably feel different than what the majority of my constituents feel and this may be the time that I'll have to get the intestinal fortitude to do as I think is right and suffer the consequences by the press and so on back in my district. As many of you know, the Palmer case, which one of 14 on the list, Mrs. Zimmerman, shortly, if some of you don't know this, was theft of jewelry and an electric cord tied around Mr. Zimmerman's neck, outright cold-blooded murder. In fact, they wonder now if he hasn't murdered a couple of other times. Mrs. Zimmerman and her daughter was down here during the hearings in Judiciary Committee. I tried to reach her on the