

authority and responsibility such as this Legislature.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Lindsay, would you like to close?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Madam President. I wanted to bring back to what we're discussing in this particular amendment. These are the committee amendments to the bill. The bill changes the mode of execution in Nebraska from electrocution to lethal injection and Senator Chambers' arguments I think are well pointed towards the bill itself. What the committee amendments do is to correct in the bill, to reflect what standard industry practice is and that is that three agents are used rather than two agents. Those three agents, as I mentioned, are to...one is an anesthetic, one is a neuromuscular...a thing to stop neuromuscular activity. The third one, and the one that's being added, is one which causes cardiac arrest. So the idea is if you want to vote for a bill that is going to allow the lethal injection in the mode which is currently in use in...in..for lack of better word, the custom in practice in the industry, then you would want to vote for the committee amendments. That is what the committee amendments do. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 600. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Elmer to open on the bill.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. The purpose of this bill is very, very straightforward. The State of Nebraska does have the death penalty option in the case of heinous crimes that have taken other people's lives--multiple murders, tortures, things that are carried out by one individual or a group of individuals against their victims. This is a policy that this state has in place that the people of Nebraska in the past have supported and I believe that if we're going to have to have the death penalty in this state that there should be a method used that has some sort of ability to carry this out that is less