

recognized not only the death penalty but maiming, maiming has been ruled to violate the U.S. Constitution under the terms of the Eighth Amendment. So if people just would read the constitution and would understand English, they would not make such silly statements. And there was a guy who was writing a column, his name is Thomas Sowell, S-o-w-e-l-l, and his column was presented by the Lincoln Journal. I think it was, where he made...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the same asinine comment in trying to condemn Supreme Court Justice Blackman for saying he thinks that there is no way that the death penalty, as administered by the states, can be constitutional and he will never vote to uphold a death penalty again, a death sentence. Well, this young Negro, and I use the term pejoratively, who is under the wing of this white racist group, I think it is called the Heritage Foundation, whenever they want something said against black people, women or a minority group, they trot him out and have him say it as though that makes it more significant, did not tell him what the constitution really means. So he said there cannot be a constitutional question about the validity of the death penalty because of the Fifth Amendment. I wish that the dignity and integrity of the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...constitution would be recognized.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You have heard the closing on the Chambers amendment. The question is the adoption of the Chambers amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Voting on the Chambers amendment, have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1026 of the Legislative Journal.) 1 aye, 11 ayes, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Pirsch. The motion is to suspend Rule 6, Section 5, Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7, and vote on the advancement of LR 29CA without further amendment or debate.