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LB 262

SENATOR MARSH: I understand there is a motion on the bill.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Labeledz and Senator Pirsch move to indefinitely postpone LB 262.

SENATOR MARSH: I am going to arbitrarily decide you have two minutes, Senator Labeledz, because of the time.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Marsh, I doubt if I will even take two minutes. I feel in just by listening to the people as they have come up to the microphone that there are numerous people that have changed their mind. I am giving them one more chance. I think that we could possibly indefinitely postpone this. Senator Pirsch gave you all the information that she had. The studies that I got from Senator Beutler's testimony prove that we can save some lives, as he said, possibly eight. If there is possibly one, I want to take that chance and save one life. Last night on the TV as I explained to you there was 100% increase in the murders in the City of Omaha. It is time now that we start thinking of the victims and not of the criminal or the murderer. I urge each and every one of you to take up this motion immediately, and if we don't have the votes, the bill will advance. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: I will give two minutes to the sponsor of the bill. No, Senator Pirsch, to the sponsor of the bill, Senator Chambers. Fine, thank you. We are now ready and will vote on the indefinite postpone motion on this.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Mr. President, doesn't Senator Pirsch have a chance?

SENATOR MARSH: On 262. She has already spoken once, Senator Labeledz. We are not allowing anyone to speak twice.

SENATOR LABEDZ: This is on a motion though. This is on a different motion. She spoke on Senator Chamber's bill.

SENATOR MARSH: The question has been called. I think we will vote on this now. I saw five hands. This is to cease debate. Senator Marsh voting aye. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting aye.

SENATOR MARSH: Please, Senator Pirsch, would you please close?

CLERK: 25 ayes, 17 nays on the motion to cease debate, Madam President.