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LB 262

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. Debate is ceased. Senator Venditte, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I have no closing, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the Venditte amendment to 262. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Shall we record, Senator Venditte? Record the vote.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Labeledz, would you like to speak to the bill as a whole?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Aren't there any more amendments?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes. Do you want to wait until those...?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. What is the next amendment?

CLERK: The next amendment is offered by Senator Newell. If is request #2965, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I am offering this amendment to the death penalty in the hopes of coming to some sort of compromise. I do not hold great expectations about the chances of this proposal since it is a middle of the road sort of proposal and I have got assurances from those on both sides of this issue that they are not exactly excited about any compromise one way or the other. That is always very unfortunate to me and the situation is simply this, that I think the death penalty law as it is on the books today is not only not being used, but needs to be changed. For that reason I support some sort of restrictions on the death penalty. At the same time I think the death penalty is beneficial in some areas and I think that it