

May 15, 1979

LB 262

SENATOR VICKERS: I call the question, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Are there five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator Venditte, do you want to close on your motion?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Very briefly, Mr. Speaker and...

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to indefinitely postpone 262.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...members of the Legislature, and I think it is rather obvious that we are being hoodwinked here this afternoon. We are all here being led to believe that one convicted of first degree murder will serve thirty years with no probation and no parole. Who is fooling who? Where in LB 262, and this is true, you know, it is almost ludicrous. If we are being led to believe that this particular piece of legislation will guarantee that one convicted of first degree murder will serve thirty years. If you can show me in LB 262 where that particular power that is granted to the parole board in our constitution has been taken away, I will withdraw the kill motion. As the bill now reads, ladies and gentlemen, there is no such thing as a mandatory thirty years. I see it as fourteen years. I don't think any of us are being fooled. The battle lines have been drawn. I think we all know that the bill is going to advance and I think it is now up to the Governor to veto this bill and I don't think that there are enough votes to override the Governor's veto.

SPEAKER MARVEL: State your point.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Senator Venditte asked, if you can show me, and I didn't know who he was addressing, but since he has raised the question, would he want maybe the sponsor to explain where this thirty years is since he asked the question specifically? Okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte has closed. The motion is the indefinite postponement of LB 262. All those in favor of indefinite postponement vote aye, those opposed vote no. A record vote has been requested. Have you