

was going to say? And that is that one thing we don't do, Senator Venditte, is interrupt somebody in the middle of the discussion. As soon as he completes his thought, I will then recognize you. Senator DeCamp, proceed.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I kind of forgot where I was. But anyway, I have been claiming and telling you in the Legislature that this penalty is a more severe penalty than what is presently being dished out and has been dished out for what, twenty, fifty, a hundred, whatever number of years. And as I said, I'm willing...I'm willing to prove my point so we have documentation, comparison systems that the Supreme Court has to keep, so that they compare what sentence is dished out to the new people, and then what's actually been served in the past, and finally, in order that I or anybody supporting this puts up or literally shuts up, Senator Venditte, I make this final provision in here, a sunset provision. This is only in effect for two years, and now I make a commitment to you, Senator Venditte, if you would make the same one back, if this would pass...if this would pass, if at the end of the two years...I repeat if at the end of the two years the people who have been sentenced under this new provision have not received considerably harsher sentences than the past record showed they served under the old law, I will.... because then the Legislature has to enact a new law, this goes out in two years, I will support the death penalty again. In other words, what I'm saying, I'm willing to put everything on the line and prove my case. Two years, and if in that period of time the sentences handed out aren't way...way more severe, than the ones that they have been serving in the past, when this expires I will support the death penalty. Now, I don't know how you can go further than this to prove a case, to prove a point. That's what the amendment is. If it were...if the bill were moved back, then of course hopefully the amendment would be adopted and hopefully if there were other changes or amendments or compromises that could be reached, accommodations next year in one form or another, maybe everybody could come out of this and we could have a better penal system.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Will you read the motions, Mr. Clerk, and then I'll recognize Senator Venditte.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is to place LB 262 on Select File for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Senator Venditte, you have the floor.