

have a young man out here on death row who killed a young man by the name of Barry who was closing up at the Ace Hardware Store in Grand Island, taking the money to the bank for the evening. Two young men waited outside at the back of a parking lot, forced Mr. Barry into the car, took him and murdered him, and I mean they...it was deliberate, premeditated murder. They had the money. They didn't have to do the murder but they did. They emptied the gun and then again and all I can say is that I believe that it is time for us to seriously consider enforcing the death penalty instead of weakening the death penalty. Another one is young Crittenden. Some of you are young enough to remember him. And we could go on. We have got the death of a coin dealer out in Grand Island. I passed that literature out and the Supreme Court, you know, said, well, we have got to have a retrial in this particular case. So we are going to...you know, we talk about spending money. We are spending money like it is going out of style on these people who murder and it seems to me that it is time for us to stand and be counted and say, look, we are going to require an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth and we certainly do not need to be so lenient, I mean so lenient that we say to someone, you can be on death row for the rest of your life. I am just one of those people that believe had we had the death penalty in operation, I lived through the period of Starkweather, as some of you did here, and I am convinced that after we put Starkweather to death, the number of murders in this state dropped off rather rapidly. Now we haven't done anything. They have increased. We have got 11 men out there. I would predict that if we passed this bill as we have it before us today, we will have that place full of people who are going to murder in order to get drugs, in order to do many things, and I just want to caution this Legislature that they need to take a careful look at what they are doing this afternoon.

SENATOR LAMB: Before we proceed, I would like to introduce guests of Senator Chronister. It is Martin Shultz of Schuyler and Harold Augustine of Lincoln under the South balcony. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Higgins on the amended bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, colleagues, I don't know how many of you noticed when you voted on the amendment, Senator Higgins was the only one that passed. Maybe you thought that I just didn't have the strength of my convictions. I haven't got a conviction yet one way or the other on this bill but I would like to say this. In reading over this amendment, and I ask you all to pick up the