

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, in one sense that is true, Senator Nichol. There is not complete logic to the amendment. That is absolutely true. The only logic is in the need in a confinement situation to have, in my opinion, the death penalty as opposed to a term of years since obviously additional years mean nothing more. To the person who is not already in prison, the life term is going to mean much more than to someone who is already in prison. So I think there is a logical distinction, Senator Nichol, in terms of the (interruption).

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, let's take this situation. If a person is in prison for murder and he is being transported and he murders a policeman, he is eligible for the electric chair, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is right.

SENATOR NICHOL: If he has not been convicted of murder and has been transported and he kills the officer, he does not get the electric chair, is that correct?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It is the intent of this amendment that he also would be subject to the electric chair, yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: All right, thank you, Senator Beutler. I think it is a bad amendment and we should kill the amendment at least. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Howard Peterson on the amendment.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, it would appear to me that what we are going to do is to give more protection to the police officer and more protection to people inside of the penitentiary than we are to the people on the outside. It just don't make sense to me.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Beutler, did you want to speak on the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just as I am closing, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Senator DeCamp has indicated he wants to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That is fine. Let Senator DeCamp close.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp closing on the amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,