

would find the person guilty of stealing four pounds, nineteen schillings so that the death penalty could not be imposed. When the death penalty was imposed for stealing a cow, the jury would find the person guilty of stealing a heifer on the theory that a cow is an animal which has given birth to a calf. A heifer, not having given such birth, cannot be a cow. Therefore, the jury made a factual determination whether it was true or not that this animal that was stolen had not given birth, therefore it was a heifer, not a cow, and though a theft had occurred a death penalty could not be imposed. This shows the tortuous trail that society's effort to kill its own citizens has passed through. What I am asking you to do this morning is to give me a chance to discuss this bill again during the session, or if you don't want to do that, if you don't want to hear it discussed, your best opportunity to accomplish that would be now to vote to reconsider. I don't feel the bill has been adequately discussed. I think that the other day there was probably a determination made in advance that less than 20 minutes would be given for a discussion and the bill would be summarily killed. The reason I have a difficult time with that is because the death penalty is one of the most serious issues that will be discussed during any session of the Legislature. You would not find any other bill of this magnitude dispatched in that fashion.

a Banking bill up for consideration and a kill motion placed on it, there would not be less than 20 minutes of discussion, the question called, debate cut off and the bill killed. As far as voting to reconsider this bill, there is precedent for that in other sessions, but activity already this session indicates that there is not an objection to reconsidering issues. A drunk driving bill that had been killed was resurrected despite the fact that a similar bill was already on Select File and could have been amended with the provisions in the bill that had been killed. Senator VonMinden had an ADC bill, or an anti-ADC bill pulled from committee. Senator Bernice Labeledz had a bill against studded...or to bring back studded snow tires pulled from committee. So these things are done. If this bill ..if you vote to reconsider this bill, I don't know whether there will be a chance to get it on the agenda or not in the few days remaining, but I will be frank with you about what I am trying to do. I am trying to buy time. I don't want there to be a situation where the Legislature closed and there was not a bill pending to abolish the death penalty. If it is reconsidered and the Legislature runs out of time, the bill naturally would languish and die as every other bill not acted on