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were written for eliminating capital punishment were letters that were two or three pages in length. It is my feelings that anybody who seriously studies this issue, all the facts that are available....

PRESIDENT: About 20 seconds left.

SENATOR WIITALA: Okay. That they will come to an understanding that there is a twilight zone here that is really hard to effect a definite judgement, what is right in a situation. For this reason, I support Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider for the purpose of debate although traditionally over the last five years I have supported capital punishment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, the time is about up. Do you want to just....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I will read....

PRESIDENT: If you want to vote on it, why.....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will just read one comment from an editorial in the Catholic Voice. It says, this is not an issue to be settled in a Gallup Poll, and I think we know that, and Senator Hefner's argument proved what I said initially, they don't have to give facts. Senator Labeledz gave no facts. It is an emotional appeal, but if you do not give the opportunity to debate the bill in this legitimate fashion on the merits of the bill itself, I will use other methods. If you vote to reconsider now, you may be through with it for the rest of the session.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question then is Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider the indefinite postponement. This requires 25 votes. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Chambers, there are 4 excused, so you know what we have got. For those just coming in, we are voting on Senator Chambers' motion to reconsider the indefinite postponement of LB 202. The board is still open. Three are excused now, Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers, what do you wish to do?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I will ask for a Call of the House, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: All right.....(Microphone not activated).... what's on the board, and the motion then is, shall the House go under Call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.