

some form of abolition of the death penalty except for one. One would be a mandatory death penalty. These amendments have been attached to LB 568, the drunk bill, on Select File. So if this motion is voted down and that is why I don't have to take much time on it, there is a good chance we will discuss the death penalty for a good while this afternoon anyway. I also have the amendments attached to LB 946 which is on General File about six or seven positions down and it is a priority bill. In both cases the bill in question deals with the same chapter of statute that LB 202 would deal with. So to clarify and summarize what I have said, if you agree to suspend the rules and allow the reconsideration I will have obtained, realistically all that I can expect this session, which is to have a bill pending. When the session terminates that bill with every other one would automatically be sent to the bone yard of unacted on bills. That is all that I have to offer you and I may take a brief moment to close just to reiterate or to answer any questions any of you may have. But if you do have questions about what I have said and what my intentions are I am prepared to answer those.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature I rise to oppose the reconsideration motion. We gave Senator Chambers a fair chance the other day, or I think it was several weeks ago, I was cosponsor of the kill motion along with several other senators and we killed LB 202. We only needed a simple majority but we got 26 votes. I think that proves that this body does not want to repeal the death penalty. Then last week Senator Chambers lost the motion on the reconsideration. But, he still keeps coming back to this body. I have asked for some new information or some new evidence and he has presented none at this time. Senator Chambers is not only doing it on this bill but he did the same thing on the bill that related to the north freeway in Omaha. I think that Senator Chambers has had his turn at the water trough. I think now it is time for some of the rest of us to have our turn. Senator Chambers in some of his remarks said that the death penalty is inhumane. I submit to you here today isn't murder inhumane, isn't premeditated murder inhumane. I feel that we are at the crossroads here in Nebraska. That crossroads is do we keep the death penalty or do we repeal it. I say that we want to keep the death penalty and an overwhelming majority of Nebraskans say that they want to keep the death penalty. I think that we need to strike back at these vicious criminals and show them that we do mean business. I feel that enough innocent lives have been lost. I want to say