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Section 28, Article 300 of the statutes which is about the death penalty, and again we are talking basically about Chapter 39 and not Chapter 28 although there is the penalty section of 28 in the bill. So the bill is not principally about Chapter 28 and certainly not about Chapter 28, Article 3. For that reason I would ask that it be ruled not germane.

SENATOR LAMB: I will rule the amendment not germane. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill. It is Request #2891 and it is found on page 1434 of the Journal

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will go to the mat on this one. This is an amendment to LB 568 and it amends Chapter 28-105. Yours amends 28-106, so it is going to be kind of difficult to do but I know you can do it because five is different from six. But I'm going to make you do it. I'm going to make you all do it to me and then when another proposition like this comes up for one of you and the ruling is different then I'll say like Darth Vader, "I have you now." But, it won't make any difference. Because this is the tradition of America being acted out here in this Legislature this evening. Under the gaze of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and the American flag we are seeing a spirit manifesting itself here today. It is known as the mobbing spirit. But what you all need to realize is that some people are indomitable. They are not going to be bullied or back down or prevented from doing what they must do. The very reason I was sent to this Legislature from my district is because I will do what I am doing now. The fact that I must do what I am doing now shows the necessity of having somebody like me who is willing to fight in the way that I am willing to fight because of what is being done here now. You don't like the issue, you don't like the one proposing so the rules can be changed, can be disregarded, can be ignored and it does not surprise me. I think it is a shabby thing being done and were it being done to somebody else, even on this floor I would be constrained to speak in behalf of that individual as I have done on this floor before. But, I don't want that to happen. I want it to be whatever number against me there are. But, Mr. Chairman, what this amendment does is to substitute a thirty year term of imprisonment for the death penalty. The very thing being done here to me today shows