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SENATOR LAMB: A Call of the House has been requested. Those in support vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record. Record vote has been requested. Are you talking about the roll call on the Call of the House or the amendment Senator? Record vote has been requested and a roll call.

CLERK: Senator, you still want a record vote on going under Call? All right, Senator Marsh requests record vote on going under Call. 23 ayes, 20 nays, 3 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting. Vote appears on pages 1657-58 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: We are under Call. Please record your presence. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senator Cullan, will you record your presence. Please begin the roll call.

CLERK: Roll call vote. 13 ayes, 32 nays, 1 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting. Vote appears on page 1658 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR LAMB: Amendment fails. Next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is offered by Senator Chambers, Request #2893. It is found in the Journal on page 1438.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, again you will see 28-105 dealing with the penalty section of the Criminal Code. Senator Vard Johnson, I know you are tired. But I'm going to see this thing through to the teeth grinding end. Now something was done the other day to teach me a lesson and I'm simply using the rules to have the opportunity to discuss a proposition because I feel I was denied that opportunity during the usual course of legislative proceedings. I'm going to continue my discussion and if you care to listen fine, if you don't it will be in the record nevertheless. I gave you a handout, a copy of which was addressed to Senator Hefner detailing a group of law enforcement officers' efforts to seek abolition of the death penalty. This group consists of sheriffs, all types of law enforcement personnel and professionals, police chiefs, right on down the line. They have indicated that the death penalty is a fraudulent hoax. The members of this legislature know that it is a fraudulent hoax. But, nevertheless because of a misperception of the public attitude and a fear of doing what the Legislature knows it ought to do, the death penalty remains on the books

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