

death penalty although I am opposed to it. Can you be especially opposed to the death penalty for those people who are children or young adults under eighteen? I guess I am if that is possible. I would certainly appreciate your favorable vote on this amendment. I think a lot of times we talk about the juvenile justice system and I know a judge up in Sarpy County who says we have a lot of juveniles, some justice and no system and through working in the juvenile code I have become very involved in some of the youths services and the juvenile justice system. One thing I found out is that if we can catch these children, these young adults, when they first get into trouble and get them into a program that can turn them around, it is a lot better than having them in the pen after they are nineteen or twenty and I think what we have to do is definitely, if you don't believe in any other rehabilitation, I think definitely the young adults of today, that is when you have to catch them, that is when they can be rehabilitated and I would just certainly appreciate your support for this amendment. I think it is...I don't think it is made in jest or to filibuster. I think it is a very reasonable amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members, I rise to oppose this amendment. As most of you know by this time you know that I think we ought to keep the death penalty and of course Senator Chambers is coming back with an amendment and it says that the death penalty shall not be imposed upon any person who was under the age of eighteen years at the time of the commission of the crime. I submit to you this evening that fifteen, sixteen and seventeen year olds are responsible citizens in our state and, therefore, I would urge you to reject this amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

SENATOR LAMB: Do I see five hands? Yes, I see five hands. Those in support of ceasing debate vote aye, those opposed no.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting yes.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR LAMB: Debate has ceased. Senator Chambers to close.