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LB 575, 642

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...of initiative is reserved to the people and since that amendment said all persons have this right to bear arms and that right cannot be infringed, felons are persons, anything walking on two feet born of a male and a female is a person and has a right under that constitutional provision to keep and bear arms and the state cannot infringe that right. And I want that provision to stay in the Constitution and it also may abolish the death penalty which, as you all know, is an effort I have undertaken for 19 years in an attempt to keep the state itself from being violent and thereby maybe reduce the violence in society at large. And I will give the rest of whatever time I have left to Senator "Ash Bradford"...Brad Ashford.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: I appreciate the dialogue. I think it's now beginning and I hope it will continue into the rest of this session, possibly not, but in the next session...

SENATOR LAMB: Time is up, Senator.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...and, with that, I will withdraw the amendment. Thank you. Or withdraw the motion.

SENATOR LAMB: The motion has been withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill scheduled for discussion by the Legislature this morning is LB 575. It was a bill introduced by Senators Barrett, Dierks and Baack. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, Mr. President, referred to the Education Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have Education Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, the committee amendments to LB 575 are those that we like to be able to present at the hearing. There were those speaking strongly in support of this bill despite the fact that it's Senator Barrett's bill and there were a number of people...a couple of