

modern history that any Legislature voted to abolish the death penalty. Others have voted to bring it back, but this Legislature was the first one in modern history to vote to abolish it. And I was very pleased when that occurred, and even though the Governor vetoed it, I could not take away from nor denigrate what the Legislature, as a body, had done. The most votes that I had on the bill was 26, and there were some senators who felt so strongly about it that they wanted me to seek an override, but because I knew how much pressure had been brought to bear on some of the senators who cast that affirmative vote, I told them that I would not subject them to that kind of pressure again, so I did not move for the override. But there have been times that this Legislature has behaved in an exemplary fashion, one that required moral and political courage, and I think that under the right stimulus that can be achieved again. We are moving toward it this afternoon.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Landis.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, and members of the body, I would give Senator Chambers some time to finish his remarks, if he needs them, and then if he has time left over and wants to give it back to me, that would be fine.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just to finish that thought, Mr. Chairman. The reason I say we are working towards something, we may begin to remember what LB 688 is designed to do. We are at loggerheads on LB 976 or whatever it is, LB 769, the bill that Senator Labedz wants to amend into 688, but 688 is a bill that does have merit on its own. If the motion which is up there would be adopted, 688 would be destroyed. There are those who feel so strongly about LB 769, that they would not only destroy 688, but those who are on 688 if they got in the way, with the exception of Senator Lindsay, and that is not the way we should do. But since Senator Schimek has some comments she would like to make, Mr. Speaker,...

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PRESIDENT: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I am going to relinquish