

die under the law of Nebraska. Rather than have this type of situation go on and on, it would be wise, in my opinion, and since I'm opposed to the death penalty under all circumstances anyway, to adopt a punishment which has been shown from experience in other states to have the effect that is intended, those sentenced to life without parole do not get paroled. As far as the number of appeals that some people say will occur under this bill as occur under death cases, that cannot possibly happen because there are certain issues that can be raised in death cases which are not available in nondeath cases. The weighing of aggravating and mitigating circumstances which would occur under this bill would be done in a different manner than where life is at stake. The Supreme Court, numerous federal...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...courts and state Supreme Court justices have said they give an inordinate amount of time to these death cases because if there is any basis to overturn the sentence, that basis will be seized upon and the sentence will be overturned. So I'm asking this morning that we concentrate on the importance of the issue, the significance of the number of cosponsors, the fact that the majority of senators here now have not heard or participated in a discussion of this issue and that you will vote to remove it from committee. My final comment. The Judiciary Committee, and I applaud them for this, did not consider killing the bill. They left it as it is, knowing I would make a motion to bring it forth and when a motion was made to kill that motion died for lack of a second. So, with those considerations, I hope you will agree to pull the bill from committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I will now recognize senators in the following order. Senator Crosby, Hefner, Chizek, Warner, Dierks and Chambers. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, I do support this bill in its present form because of the life sentence with no future of parole. But I speak about capital punishment in a different way probably than Senator Chambers and others do because, for me, it's a life issue. It's in line with all the other life issues that we talk about, including abortion, the living will and there are some other issues like that that it goes against my principles and my feelings, my own human feelings about people that I simply cannot vote for