

alternatives such as life imprisonment or life imprisonment as Senator Chambers has done without possibility of parole. It's not necessarily that people want to see people fried, it's rather people...they want to see people being held responsible for their actions. And in this situation with a life imprisonment without possibility of parole they are certainly being held responsible for their actions. Finally, I guess I would add an additional comment dealing with what occurs over at the State Pen, hasn't occurred in 30 years, but what occurs in the event that we do have an execution in Nebraska. If, in fact, we expect to use capital punishment, we ought to use it humanely of doing so. The electric chair is one of the most inhumane ways of executing someone. There are reports that it takes as long as 45 minutes to kill someone in the electric chair. We have reports that when somebody is electrocuted, you have to go back, wait for the body to cool down and the doctor has to check to see if that person is alive or dead. And repeated situations of those 2,000 volt shocks going through someone's body, I think that goes to the point that, at a minimum, if we're going to use capital punishment, it ought to be humane. That, in itself, is a reason to get this bill out on the floor so that, if nothing else, that issue can be talked about. I support getting the bill out on the floor simply because I support the bill. But I would hope some of you would vote to advance the bill to the floor for the purpose of debate so that some of these issues can at least be discussed. And if the bill is ultimately killed by the body, then so be it. But at least give an opportunity for a full-scale debate on an issue that is going to be...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...that is going to remain in the forefront for quite some time.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members, it's a very important issue, one which I recall first discussing on this floor back in 1979. Senator Warner, I think referenced that. It was one of the more impressive moments I've seen on the floor of the Legislature when we passed the legislation to repeal the death penalty that year. I remember the tension. I remember the aura that filled the room as we made that historic decision. Unfortunately, the bill did eventually fall to a veto