

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I neglected to emphasize one thing when I first spoke, which I would like to take a moment to do. Most of us, and I did it to some extent myself, when we have spoken on this issue have, in essence, spoke on the substantive issue of LB 327 rather than the procedural issue. There is nothing that annoys me more than when we get these voting card records, or how we're evaluated, when I get evaluated on an issue based on a procedural vote. Over the years, I will have a tendency to make procedural votes, which may or may not be the same as how I feel on the issue itself. What we really are doing here is simply a procedural vote as to whether or not this issue can come up, because there is one aspect of this that is uniquely different than what we run into a lot of times. We all have, or we all will, support amendments to some bill that is out on General File for the simple reason that it is still in committee, or the simple reason that it's not a priority bill, some other basis on which we can get that issue addressed. In this case, this is not an issue which you can amend into some other bill. It just simply is not a vehicle that's available. It's tied up in committee. It seems reasonable to me that it is an issue, as has been pointed out a number of times that a number of legislators have cosigned, and it's an issue that certainly deserves discussion. And Senator Lindsay made some comments that hadn't particularly occurred to me, that even those of you who support the death penalty could justify voting for the issue, if you just wanted to discuss how somebody is going to be killed, that is not too bad an issue, as a matter of fact, if you are in support of the death penalty. But, nevertheless, this is a procedural vote. Shouldn't be deemed an issue on the...or appraisal on the basis of the issue, it's whether or not it even should come before us. And I would urge that you vote to place the bill on General File, in the proper form, and the merits ought to fall when the bill is taken up on General File, not on the basis which I have done and others, on whether or not it simply ought to be raised. But it's significantly different. It's not an issue that you're going to attach an amendment to a different bill. It is tied up, I think we ought to vote to raise it and place it on General File, then have discussion on the real issue itself in the proper form it ought to take.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schimek.