

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...increased to 30, 46 percent favored life. When a 25-year minimum parole eligibility rate was coupled with restitution to the victim's family, a 58 percent majority preferred life sentence over the death penalty. The 1987 poll concluded that when confronted with a full range of alternatives to capital punishment, only 21 percent of the survey participants preferred the death penalty over all alternatives. Ladies and gentlemen, I submit to you that it's all in how the questions are asked, and whether the questions are asked, that will give us the poll results that can be one or the other. But I do believe that when the full range of questions is asked, the Nebraskans and American people themselves will back off and forget...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...the death penalty. Thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam President and members. Madam President, can I have a gavel.

PRESIDENT MOUL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you. I am just speaking for myself on this issue, I'm not speaking about any studies, or any polls, or any surveys. I'm only speaking on my behalf. And I agree with Senator Dierks that I try to represent my district to the best that I can, except when it comes to my moral principles, and then they, too, have to accept me for what I am. And so this is mostly for my constituents. And I did not do a polling in my district about this. But when I did cosign this bill, I did hear from a group that was very concerned about my cosigning this, and did have some misgivings about it. But later on I heard from the other side that were thanking me for cosigning this, and I heard their statements and their reasons. And so I do support LB 327 to be advanced to General File. I would like to add my own reasons for supporting this, though. I would like to see myself protected from the criminal. I would like to see the criminal put away for life. I want to be protected, and I want society to be protected from the criminal. That does not