

dollars, I think, on the last one, the 16th one. And so it is a much bigger issue. I can explain this to my people at home and their position gradually starts to change on a one-on-one basis, or one on 25 or 40. But to explain it to 40,000 people, I will win no popularity contest even bringing it to the floor for further discussion. I, right now, am in the position of taking a poll, a questionnaire, and this happens to be the one that I put on, one of the questions. And I don't know for sure, but I'll have to say that it's 75 to 80 percent for the death penalty. I think most of you know at home we have the Joe Allen case where the fellow, out in cold-blooded murder, was covering up a car and shot Joe Allen right in front of his little 5-year-old boy's eyes, and the 5-year-old boy had to run 2 miles for help. And then we have the Zimmerman case at home. So, naturally, I...people...but they don't understand the complications. I do feel that this is something that is important enough it should be brought to the floor. I, too, before I came in here seven years ago, would have had the same opinion. Now it shows us that it's not being fair, not evenly applied, or we would have been using it a long time ago. And if Senator Lindsay would yield to a question, or Senator Kristensen. Senator Lindsay, there's one point that I really have a problem in my mind, and if you would somewhat help me out, and help me out publicly, I'll ask you the question, too. And we heard debate, two sides, in judiciary. Does life in prison without parole really mean life in prison without parole? And both sides want to say, no, it does not. They can be pardoned and it doesn't mean that, Arlene. And this is the troubling part for me. I'll relinquish the rest of my time. And I, too, agree with Senator Lindsay, the electric chair is so inhumane. There are other ways of doing it and, if nothing else, that should be addressed. Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Nelson, your question deals with, I think, as we discussed away from the microphone, the question of commuting sentences, and if you're sentenced to life in prison, without possibility of parole, does that mean life in prison without possibility of parole. I guess there are two responses that you and I talked about, one is that the Board of Pardons has a right to commute a sentence, so they could commute that sentence, just as right now they could commute and do commute the death penalty. Right now, I think it was very recently, within the past year, a guy that murdered somebody up in Omaha, whose death penalty was commuted down to either life imprisonment, or a term of years, so he would...his...under