

death penalty he's still going to be eligible for parole. So the Board of Pardons, if, in fact, it's going to act, can act either under the death penalty law, or under this law, and that is not...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...affected. The second response would be I think Senator Chambers passed around an article from San Francisco that shows that California has had a law saying life imprisonment without parole, and it means life imprisonment without parole, that's been in effect for 25 years, nobody has been paroled yet. And I believe the last...I believe the last commutation that occurred was by Ronald Reagan of a death penalty, it was Ronald Reagan, back in the sixties. So that gives you some indication that it is working there, it really is life imprisonment in California, and it shouldn't be, in a state like Nebraska, it shouldn't be any different. I...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. I now recognize Senator Horgan, followed by Senator Schmit. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members. I, too, would want to rise in support of Senator Chambers' attempt to pull this bill from committee. I agree with Senator Warner's earlier comments, that perhaps we should not be addressing the topic of the bill, but addressing the subject of pulling it from committee. But having said that, I do think that it's important for us to perhaps put ourselves on record on this issue a little bit with the possibility that it won't come out of committee. I don't think when the State of Nebraska has had the death penalty as long as it has, and we haven't executed anyone for 31 years, that we, as a society, really believe in the philosophy of the death penalty. We all believe, and Senator Nelson addressed the question of all the people, 80 percent of the people in her district may support the death penalty. But if, in fact, we were executing people in the State of Nebraska, I don't think they could face up to that reality. The death penalty, it seems to me, is a penalty used in our history and in our past, but it's not the type of law that we need to have as we enter the twenty-first century. It seems to me to be inhumane and not to