

time to consider giving the individual, who is probably an addict, probably comes from a broken home, probably never had an even chance in his or her life, at least give them the chance for an even break once in a while. All of us know there are instances where crimes of murder are so heinous that certainly the death penalty is justified. The question I ask of you is this, is that crime anymore heinous when committed by an individual who does not have power or influence than it is if it is committed by one who does? I think the answer is very evident, therefore, I support bringing the bill to the floor.

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

SENATOR PIRSCH: Am I the last light?

PRESIDENT MOUL: To debate this issue, at this point, yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, then I will...I will just, to clarify, now I can't...oh, we were talking about the humane ways to...for the state, in other words, that we should bring up this bill to talk about more humane ways to kill the convicted criminal. And I do not have in my hands, it appears to me that those who want to repeal the death penalty were the same as those who rejected any humane ways, such as lethal injection that Senator Hefner brought up. I also did want to reiterate that the appeal process is still going to be alive and well, will still be very costly, we will still have to provide people on life terms with attorneys. Actually, you know, is a life sentence not just as cruel as the death penalty? There will still be appeals, they will still be costly. And I guess my feeling is that on this floor, with our personal property tax in disarray, and real estate property tax in question, that we have a full plate as it is, that this will not be killed, that if it is kept in committee, it will still be around for next year. And I think that would be more appropriate to spend the time. We have too many other questions that need to be decided right now.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Seeing no one else wishing to debate this issue, would you like to close, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, very briefly. I know that there are a number of you who struggle with your conscience, others of you who are battling because of mail you receive from your constituents, which mail