

could commute to like ten years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you. And please, Senator Chambers, I know you remember that I wrote you a letter and I spoke to you on the floor when we brought this up notwithstanding the committee's action that I would ask for the Attorney General's Opinion just so we had it in writing. I was not going around you and I have confessed, I did not see that letter that you're talking about your remarks concerning Mr. Otey. I did not see that. If you sent it to me, maybe I missed it some way...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I didn't send it. There was a group handing it around. I thought they showed it to all the senators, but they must have selected some.

SENATOR CROSBY: If it was given to me, I just have not seen it. So along with that, so there is something, the reason I want to speak about this because I still have doubts about that Pardon Board. And I feel that because they can overcome it that makes a flaw in this bill. I don't feel any differently about capital punishment. It pains me to take anybody's life. I want to make a quick little review here and then the next time I speak, which I hope I'll get in line again I...I beg your pardon. No, I've asked both my questions. Thank you. Speaking of the Pardons Board, there is a man who still lives in Lincoln who, like 30, 40 years ago, was accused and convicted of the murder of his wife. He insisted from the very beginning, all through the trial that he didn't do it. But, at any rate, he was sentenced to death and then the Pardons Board at that time commuted to a certain number of years. He finally was paroled when he was in his seventies and after he was paroled, then he admitted he killed his wife. There's an inconsistency there in that mentality that concerns me. And again, you see that Pardons Board came along and for me the worst thing I guess, aside from taking somebody's life for the person who has taken someone else's life, is for that person to sit in a prison forever and think about the fact that they lost their rights to live among us when they did something as bad as taking somebody else's life. The other thing I want to just tell you quickly because I listened very carefully when you talk about the racial prejudices and so on that come along with the appeals and so on. I do know a lot of the names, Senator Chambers, because I made it a point to get a profile on each man who happens to be on