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constitutional amendment. I respect Senator Chambers' desire to not discuss this when he knows he does not have the votes, but, again, I say, where are those people that are his supporters when this has been on the agenda time and time again, and it is time to discuss it and to bring it to a vote?

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Hefner, did you wish to speak again?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, just a few remarks, I will keep it brief, but I realize this is a difficult issue. I have been here 16 years and it has come up just about every year, and it is very, very difficult. And, Senator Chambers, I have probably done as much research on this bill as you have, but this bill is a farce. It is a sham, because if you want to have life without parole, you need a constitutional amendment. It is just that simple. But, anyway, we have the Board of Pardons, we have the Parole Board, and, Senator Chambers, I'd like to ask you a question. The other day there was a kill motion on the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Wasn't that made by one of the introducers of the bill?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, it was.

SENATOR HEFNER: And what was the reason for that kill motion?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To lay over the bill.

SENATOR HEFNER: To lay over the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: And you accepted it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I certainly...in fact, I asked that he do it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this is not the first time it is done, and, Senator Hefner, (interruption).