

doctor lived and when he was in the station there were these little boys doing as little boys will do, afflicted by the cruelty that besets many of our children as they reflect what they see in us and one of them began to follow Merrick and hound him. Merrick had on a cloak and he couldn't walk very well, he kind of shuffled and staggered down the street and he had his canvas hood on. And as he was trying to make his way, other little boys joined in, as hounds will do a fox, and Merrick was making it down the street as fast as he could and a little girl happened to cross his path. Merrick bumped into her, she fell to the ground, her mother screamed and Merrick was pointed out as the one who had done it, and she said, stop him, stop him. And the hue and cry was taken up and the people began to chase this deformed, this ugly, this hideous mass of grotesquery down the street. He ran down some stairs, through a corridor, then came to a gate that was locked and he turned and faced the people and somebody snatched the hood off and naturally they were horrified. And what John Merrick said, I am not an animal, I am not an animal, I am a human being.

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that's all. I'm trying to tell my colleagues today we're not dealing with diseased things, we're not dealing with animals, we're dealing with human beings. Madam President, I would ask for a call of the house.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There's a request for a call of the house. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CROSBY: The house is under call. Would all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Would all senators who are unexcused please return to the Chamber and record your presence. We're looking for Senators Matzke, McKenzie and Robak. Senators Coordsen, Cudaback and Day. Senator Stuhr, thank you. Senator Elmer. Senator Hartnett. Will Senators Matzke, Robak, Fisher and Elmer please return to the Chamber and record your presence. We are under call. The question is whether LB 21...the motion to place LB 21 on General File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no, and Senator Chambers has asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please call