

I've done that, and that is not a fun event, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who, for the attorney or for the defendant?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: You know, that's an interesting one. I hadn't thought of that for the defendant.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: But I assume most defendants are fairly pleased with acquittals. But what generates that is that public perception. You hit on it. People don't like to look at that,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...but you hit on that. And I think that's what will generate a... I think they're less likely... I'll put it this way, I don't think that this bill would encourage more prosecutors to file first degree murder cases. I think the public pressure is much more likely to do that than this bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The pressure will be there and this bill will facilitate the filings. I'm against the death penalty and here's what I believe. When a bill is drafted in the way this one is drafted and it's going to apportion resources based on the nature of the offense, either a capital litigation or complicated cases, I think it would be germane to try to remove altogether one of those types of offenses. So before this bill is through, we're going to have a chance to debate the abolition of the death penalty this session.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I would like to pause a second and recognize some guests of the Legislature. We have, in the north balcony, four 6th graders and one 4th grader from Hanover District 75 School in Glenvil, Nebraska and their teacher. And they are represented by Senator Bohike. We have, under the north balcony, we have several young individuals who are working on their citizenship badge for Webelos. We have, again from Lincoln, from Senator Hudkins' district, we have seven Cub Scouts from Den 8, Pack 56, along with their leaders. If you all would stand and be recognized, please. Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Senator Lindsay would like to