

killing of the...and, by the way, I think the executioner was an employee of the Nebraska Department of Corrections. It is not being carried out for the convenience of the warden or the witnesses or those Department of Correctional Institution people who will accompany the condemned prisoner so that if he should happen to resist, or lose the strength to walk to his execution, they can assist. There has been some discussion of the possibility that because it took so long between the time that they showed "Wili" Otey and closed the curtain and began the process of strapping him in that chair that other types of violence and torturous actions could have been taken against him, that the twisted appearance of his face could be an indication that they deliberately tightened this leather mask more than they needed to to conceal what was being caused by the electricity from the view of the witnesses. This that your state is doing supposedly in the name of the people as bad, as barbaric, as vicious, as immoral as it is, should nevertheless have to be carried out in strict accord with the terminology of the statute. And I'm going to read it again.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The mode of inflicting the punishment of death in all cases shall be by causing to pass through the body of the convicted person a current of electricity of sufficient intensity to cause death. And the application of such current shall be continued until such convicted person is dead. I repeat, and the application of such current shall be continued until such convicted person is dead. That is not being done and I intend to offer an amendment to Senator Jones' bill to make sure that no agency can adopt a rule or regulation that goes contrary to the statute or the constitution, which means that all of the provisions of law must be complied with scrupulously.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Chambers, would you yield to just a brief question? And I'm...what I'm asking for is your sense of how long you believe that you may want to spend on this particular amendment or the next particular amendment. And I'm leading that to another point that I'm going to be making with Senator Jones here.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.