

involved is one of the reasons for this bill being before us. There has never been a showing anywhere that the infliction of death does anything to deter crime. So those who are in favor of the death penalty have ceased saying that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime and they fall back on the idea that it's real purpose is revenge, it's to get even with the person convicted of what is called a capital offense. That is not a valid reason for any punishment and it certainly is not one that ought to have the state engaging in the business of killing its citizens. Because our numbers are thin this evening and because I think there may have been something worked out on this bill, Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, because there were other issues related to this bill and there may be some work occurring on those issues, I'm going to withdraw this amendment at this time and refile it so that it will be behind everything else that's up there.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk. next item.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen has the next amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd ask unanimous consent to substitute AM7120...or the amendment that I have filed in the Journal which is on page 1984, Mr. Clerk, that being AM1963, I'd like to ask unanimous consent to substitute at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Is there any objection to the substitution? Hearing none, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Kristensen's amendment is on page 1984 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, between General File and Select File Senator Hall, Senator Lindsay and people who have supported this bill and people who have had some grave concerns about this bill have sat down and tried to work this bill and, quite frankly, some legitimate concerns I think were brought out by Senator Hall and