

do, condemning this poorly drafted material. There's something I want to call to your attention and I want the court to be aware of it that's in the bill itself, and it has to do with these expedited opinions by the Supreme Court. I will have to look through here and find that, but I think Senator Lindsay said that is still a part of the bill. Is Senator Lindsay anywhere near? Senator Lindsay, is that provision relating to expediting death penalty matters still in this bill?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you tell me where that is found?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'll have to go to my desk to my copy of the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, come on down. Oh, Senator Lindsay, it's on page 19.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And here's what I want to ask you. On page 19, lines 21 and 23, is this the language that would be in the bill and become a part of the law if enacted? The Supreme Court shall expedite the rendering of its opinion on the appeal, giving the matter priority over civil and noncapital criminal matters.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now here's what the Supreme Court knows. There is a difference between its decision which means, based on the facts presented to itself...to the court, it arrives at a determination of the case. The court knows that the opinion which is mentioned in this legislation relates only to the statement about their decision. Nothing in this bill requires them to expedite the rendering of a decision. So they can take as long as they want to despite the language in here. It doesn't mean a thing. But, again, you don't care, and I talked about this last year, but we don't want to make the Supreme Court expedite its decision. I know I don't. I don't even want to put that in the bill. So all we're saying is that if the court takes ten years to reach...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.