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nothing on that bill, have no intention of putting anything on that bill because, unlike some of my colleagues, if I say I'm going to do it then I will stick by what I've said. The crime bill, I understand, has about 30 amendments and I was told that they are to be withdrawn and that would leave three or four amendments of mine, two of them related to abolishing the death penalty, so obviously one of those would drop away. I don't remember what the other two or three, as the case would be, had to deal with. But what I had intentions of doing was discussing the question of the death penalty this session and it was especially significant, as far as I'm concerned, whether we vote to abolish it or not, in view of what's happening at the federal level where in knuckling under to the "Repelicans" so that he could get a campaign issue, President Clinton withdrew his opposition to limiting appeals by inmates on death row despite the fact that over a third of the habeas actions brought by death row inmates are successful. That means over a third of those sentenced to die should not have been so sentenced, but the "Repelicans" just want to kill. Clinton, who, when he was running for President, hastened back to Arkansas not just to cover over Whitewater, or Whiteacre, whatever it is, and I hope they get his donkey. I hope they get him. He ran down there so that he could preside over the execution of a mentally retarded black man, and I resent that doubly. I would resent it if anybody mentally retarded were executed. But this panderer, this racist, this lick-spitting, running dog lackey who got votes on many occasions from black people, which saved his donkey, did that terrible thing. So that was one of the matters I wanted to discuss and I will, since we have it like we're doing it today, I will discuss it whenever I get the opportunity. But...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I had told Senator Schimek, I had told a number of people, as far as I'm concerned, we're not going to be here anywhere near midnight. I had told a number of you that, as far as I'm concerned. Had it been my intent to file all these motions on the two bills that had been mentioned by somebody, maybe it was Senator Beutler, mine would have been up there. Nobody else is interested in trying to delay the proceedings today. So Senator Beutler erected a strawman and knocked the strawman down. But if you want to have it your way and enshrine me on the last day of the session, as you do every session when you adopt your rules, I'm willing to accept it but