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death penalty cases that it has involved itself in to get the state to bail it out. The county...Richardson County, Senator Hilgert, made this a part of the equation. And I could prove it by asking Senator Vrtiska, but I don't have the time, but he mentioned in his opening and in the presentation of this idea the Michael Ryan case, or the Ryan case,...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I get the first names mixed up. But that is the thing that pushed them to come to the Legislature. So to say that it is not kosher for me to discuss the very thing that has caused this bill to be brought to us is not what I think my young friend intends to do, but that is what he's really saying. I should not discuss a part of the equation which is essential to the formulation of the equation created by those who brought the bill to us. There will be no vigilanteism, people often say that, but it's not going to happen. What are they going to do? Go in the penitentiary and kill Ryan? No, they do a lot of puffing and blowing, they threaten to take over the courts even now, this so called common law group, they're not going to do anything except talk, puff and blow, and let them do it. We're talking about spending the state's money to underwrite county activity, and I'm opposed to it. And thank you, Senator Hilgert, you were very gracious to give me the time.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hartnett. Question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question is, shall debate cease...cease on the Vrtiska amendment to the amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1248? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have all senators voted? There's been a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The house is under call. Would all senators please take their seats. All senators who are not excused, please come to the floor, and all unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. We are accepting call-in votes for the ceasing of debate motion by