

yes. Senator Kristensen voting yes. Senator Lindsay voting yes. Senator Lynch voting... you had voted yes, Senator Lynch. Senator McKenzie voting yes.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers to close on his amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I will not cast a vote in favor of building more prison space. The discussions that take place will often acknowledge the truth and validity of much of what I say. I believe it's all true and all valid, but even people who are going to vote for this building will say they agree with a lot of what I've said. But, see, that's as far as it goes. That's how the conscience is put to sleep. These are genuine problems, and often the Legislature will do something in a political frenzy and leave it to others to pick up the pieces and undo the damage. The Legislature is the one who has changed laws that will criminalize conduct to a greater degree than it had been because that's the only easy area left for senators and other level politicians to do these things. Senators aren't the only ones, attorneys general, presidents, governors, they all do it and they all try to outdo each other. Unlike Senator Lynch, I don't think people in prison are animals, and I think that there are people who can go to prison and develop attitudes and practices based on the way they're treated, and they will do things after having been put in prison that they never would have dreamed of doing prior to going there. So not being a man of religion, I don't have to consign anybody to perdition, I don't have to throw anybody away, I don't have to say anybody is beyond redemption. Now I know if I were religious, I would have to change that position. But it seems to me there was this guy who ran around in these funny clothes, Senator Lindsay, hanging up on a tree and a criminal was hanging beside him. And he told that criminal right there, hey buddy, it's not too late for you, there's always hope. Then after they took this guy off the tree and put him in the ground some people said he came back alive, and they believe in him, yet they don't practice what he preached. He talked about this redemption, this forgiveness and tried to demonstrate it in his own life. At the last moment