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introduced.) I will raise the call. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bruning would move to amend with AM1381.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, I would ask to withdraw that amendment and refile it on Select File.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 76? Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Coordsen, Chambers, Tyson, Hudkins, Brashear and Beutler.

SENATOR CROSBY: I thought I was probably the only one. Thank you, Mr. President. Just very quickly, what I wanted to say is reiterate it once more. I was...my name is on this bill, but my name was on the original bill that had to do with life sentence with no parole, even though I had reservations about that, as I read to you yesterday, because the Pardon's Board is able to overcome that. As the constitution reads now the Pardon's Board can overcome that. So I still have reservations about the people who are convicted of first degree murder and that they would eventually be allowed to be out. And I know of a couple of cases that that's happened and it turned out badly, when the Pardon's Board came along and commuted to life, and then eventually that person, those people were given parole. And so the second thing that I want to say, as I said again yesterday, I equate life...life is from the beginning to the end. And if Senator Chambers ever turns up on the road to Damascus and the Lord appears to him, one of the things he might say is, why are you taking the lives of my babies? And I know you disagree with me on that, but I'm up to here with you about you and the Pope. Senator Chambers, you know I respect you and the way you work. I think you have a...you're very adroit at using the rules and so on. But, Senator Chambers operates and has his own reasons for everything he does. Now I think he'll agree with me on that, he isn't going around to each one of you and saying, what should I do? No, he has his own reason, his own philosophy, and again that's his privilege, but I have mine, too. And what I want people to know, because I was on the original bill, I wasn't on this bill, but when this bill came out the people who