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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I listened very carefully to Senator Hudkins, as I've listened carefully to everybody, including "Baron" Tyson, with whom I've had a little back and forth, but he and I understand each other. This is a grave issue. I have made the comments that I think were appropriate, so I think I will end this debate as it was started, by yielding my closing time to Senator Brashear.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Chambers, thank you. I think I will be brief. I appreciate the views and the opinions and the thoughts expressed by everyone. I think it's my job, as Chairman of your Judiciary Committee, to come back to the bill before us and the facts. This is not about the repeal of the death penalty and there are a number of members of the Judiciary Committee who would have that be emphatically known. This is about the administration of our laws in such a manner that they are just, that they are fairly administered. That is our duty, some view it as our sacred duty. We have taken pains to put into the bill now the requirement that the Supreme Court shall not appoint a day certain for the execution that falls during the moratorium, but all other proceedings relating to a capital case can go forward undeterred. We have also taken pains to put in the bill the fact that during the moratorium the Supreme Court may appoint a day certain, that does not fall during the moratorium period, for the scheduling of an execution. I think our existing public policy with regard to capital punishment has been supported by the bill. But I also believe that...Mr. President, may I pause to ask for a call of the house?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The house is under call. Would all