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about instruction. All of us have issues which mean something to us. I don't think this bill is anywhere near as serious as that moratorium bill we discussed, and when at least one of my colleagues discusses it a lighthearted, jovial, almost jesting manner, it does not make me feel that the true gravity of the situation is appreciated. I have not offered an amendment to this bill. It would be easy to take it eight hours. And maybe along the way, because there supposedly is a fragile compromise existing on this bill, it would be possible to create enough division to prevent 33 votes from being acquired for cloture. But if I did that, it would be strictly for the purpose of revenge and retribution, which some of my colleagues believe ought to be a basis for the state taking life. But even in an area where their life is not at stake, they don't want me to seek revenge. They don't want me to take retribution. They don't want the same principle applied to them in the smaller thing that they want to apply to others in the greater thing. They don't want to lose a bill, but I ought to be quick to let others lose their life. He's lucky that I won't do to his bill or use it for my purposes in the way that he attempted to use that bill for his purposes, and we can discuss this, he and I, at greater length, but I won't do it on his bill. But I just want to serve notice to him that things don't happen in a vacuum around here, and if I decide that I want to be as mean-spirited on the floor as he was in his comments, then I can do it. And I'm going to let this bill go on across, but it will be on Final Reading. And if they want to play a certain game with me, I'm going to show them that two can play it, and I will be back next year and the year after and the year after. I'm not going to croak. I will be here and I'll be the last one standing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on advancement? Senator Bruning, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. Speaker, I move LB 78 to E & R for engrossing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 78 advance to E & R for engrossing? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.