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not necessarily the ease of which prosecutors can prosecute, but the heinousness of the crime. And so it seems to me that if we pass this bill the death penalty as we know it is done with. And if that's what we want to do, if that's what we decide is the best policy then let's do that, but let's at least, you know, put it out there in the open that that's what is going to happen. Six of the nine people on death row are there simply because they were prosecuted under the felony murder rule. There are three people there, two of them were premeditated. And if this bill goes through that's the only people that will be on death row is those that the prosecutors can convict under the premeditation part of the first degree statute. Again, if that's what we want to do, if we want to limit the applicability of the death penalty in that way, then let's do it. But I think we should be forward about it and open about it and say that's what we're going to do. So I'm still debating. The reason I voted on the first amendment is because I agree with Senator Brashear that it makes a bad bill better. And I think that this amendment might make it better as well. But then conversely this might make it a little too palatable. So I'm still debating as to what I'm going to do. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Chambers, on AM2074.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I concur in what Senator Lynch said earlier. I have never pandered to the people in my district on any issue. I have made it clear that I'm opposed to the death penalty under any and all circumstances. I would write a letter asking for clemency for the men who dragged that black man and tore his body into pieces. That was about as brutal, as pain-filled, as inhuman and barbaric an act as can be committed. But what I would be asked to do is to descend to the same level of barbarism and kill them. I think the state has an ongoing permanent responsibility to be the civilizing instrument in this society. I think we have an opportunity to set the moral tone. With the outbreaks of violence on the part of young people, we should be trying to do all we can to disavow the use of violence for any purpose. But when there are those who defend so tenaciously killing by the state, how can they then condemn these young people who are not going to divide a hair and between the north