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the fact that there are some results with which you disagree with the fact that the law must be firm and the law must protect our citizenry. So I would urge that we vote negatively on this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Matzke. Senator Chambers, on advancement of LB 509.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in this packet of ten murders that I handed out to you, in the first one, the murder was found to be premeditated and the man was stabbed over 57 times. No death penalty. Another man shot and killed his wife at her home in the presence of the children and was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter in a plea bargain; prosecutors at work. In a third case, the man chased a woman down the street. When she fell, he stood over her and shot her twice in the back of the head. No death penalty. And this is not because there is care, it's because there is arbitrariness and, well, the other things that we've discussed that I don't want to take a lot of time from my presentation discussing now. In the fourth, a woman was beaten to death by several people, and they were charged with second degree murder so there is no possibility of a death penalty there. A man who had three protection orders and was described with a history of violence and abuse pushed a woman down the stairs and killed her. He was charged with manslaughter. Another man abducted a woman, stabbed her more than 50 times, left her body in the trunk of the car, and earlier had raped and served time for it, two women, two young girls, and wanted in South Carolina. He got death. In Yutan where the man beat the woman to death, although the prosecutors submitted evidence that indicated that when she was burning she probably died at that point, 25 years to life. And I haven't heard senators on this floor stand up to rail against these sentences. Then in the eighth case, a man beat his wife to death and got a plea agreement in that one. The ninth one involves this county attorney, Hall County Attorney named Ellen Totzke, who is so much against this bill, and had asked a judge for a lesser sentence than the judge imposed for a man the judge said was dangerous, was capable of killing again, but she had asked for a lesser sentence, the woman who is heading the county attorneys and is against this bill, LB 509. Then the tenth one, the woman