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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. You've heard the opening on AM2839. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne, there are no lights on. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of AM2839 offered by Senator Bourne to LB 999. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the Bourne amendment, AM2839, to LB 999. Have you all voted on the Bourne amendment who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Bourne's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Bourne amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend. (FA1554, Legislative Journal page 943.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 999.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment says, since we're so collegial this morning: Any death sentence carried out pursuant to law in Nebraska shall be carried out in the lobby of the largest bank in the state. And I feel that this amendment is appropriate for this particular bill and especially in view of the fact that the Governor seems to be obsessed with the need to kill people. So I want to facilitate him in his obsession. It was difficult for me to find a bill that would give me the opportunity to discuss some items, but this bill was perfect. It was a bank robbery, a botched bank robbery in which some unfortunate, innocent persons were murdered that had us scurrying down here for a special session that was not needed to deal with the death penalty. The Governor has been making threats about a special session because he wants to be in a position to kill people and be sure that at least he has something on the books so when he runs for the U.S. Senate he can trumpet that, although it boggles my mind as to why a man who wants to portray himself as being compassionate and so religious that he quotes scripture, talks about his faith as a Roman Catholic when he's supporting actions that impinge on a woman's right to make a choice as to whether she's going to