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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: They shouldn't be in our statute. We need to get our statute modernized, to get it down to the specifics of what need to happen in the system, and I think we should join those 35 states that are going to move us forward in this regard. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on, so I will recognize you to close on FA135.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, with all the discussion, I think it's appropriate that, despite the fact I said you didn't need to look at the amendment, that I read to you what the amendment would say. Add a new section: "Incidentally, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the death penalty is hereby abolished." I don't see any great outcry of opposition. You all may have realized that it's appropriate that that be done. However, I told Senator Thompson that in order to debate the issue I would offer various amendments, but for her not to panic because they're not going to be taken to a vote. But I thought I'd interject that particular one to get people's minds stirred up. To my good friend Senator Mike Friend, he sometimes mentioned that people don't speak around here with passion. He was very passionate. I understand, from things he has said on the floor and in open gatherings which are not quite as vast as this one, things that would cause him to feel he's in a position to understand this other situation, to use his term, better than anybody else. No, Senator Friend has been more willing to talk about personal family matters than others on this floor. He should not be so arrogant and presumptuous to think that something that has befallen a member of his family has not befallen anybody else. Nobody on this floor can inflame me enough to bring personal, private matters on this floor for discussion to make a point, but Senator Friend needs to be advised that he does not know more than anybody on this floor about the issue. And for him to make that arrogant, presumptuous statement could be taken to be insulting, except that if you do understand this area you know that people will