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of court opinions and not be sure whether or not one has been changed. When you read the statute, you know what the law is. And I will continue to try to amend this bill and other bills that come before us. I know my time is up, so I won't force you to...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: I kind of hate to do this, but I want to call the question.

SENATOR CROSBY: That won't be necessary, Senator Witek. Thank you. There are no further lights. Seeing none...no further debate, Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Madam President and members of the Legislature, the death penalty is the worst law that this state has on the books, bar none. There are senators not only on the floor of this Legislature, but who inhabit legislatures all over this country who, for political reasons, are dyed in the wool-hat supporters of the death penalty. They would carry the torches, the pitchforks and the clubs as we used to see the villagers do at the end of the "Frankenstein" movies when they were going to kill the monster. But the monster we ought to be trying to kill is the death penalty. It does not ennoble society. It does not uplift. It does not teach any message to the youth or anyone else of this society other than if you're strong enough and have the power, you set the rules as to who shall live and who shall die. So whether it's the Legislature doing it, or a lynch mob, or a gang, once collectively a determination has been made to kill, you have the right to kill if you have the power and the means to carry it out. And what some of these legislators need to be wary of is that when they entrench in the minds of the public that killing is all right, they're going to have to consider the possibility that there are elements in the society who will follow the lead of the state. There are more and more judges in their opinions acknowledging the fact that the practices of the government do have an impact