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his responsibility in so far as the defendant of the State, in case of death penalties. Now I don't care what Mr. Nixon says or anybody else says, because the Attorney General is the man, he's the man and the only man, eventually who has to defend the State in the area of death penalties. He said this Bill is not perfect, but in so far as I'm concerned it meets with what I think I ought to have, if I'm put in the position of defending the State in this area. Now lets pin point this thing, if your not going to eliminate all Amendments, all Amendments and kill the Bill, if you don't think the Attorney General is qualified in this area, to participate in the writing of this Bill as he did, upon request, then kill the Bill. Or kill all the Amendments. Now certainly, Senator DeCamp with his knowledge and I don't say this disparagingly Senator DeCamp, he has the wisest opinion as anyone has, but I'm not going to put his judgement, in rewriting this Bill and giving to the Attorney General a Bill that he can not enforce. Its just that simple. Maybe I've over simplified it, but if what I said is not right first with the Attorney General, said in his judgement at that hearing, this is the best thing he can think of a Bill, in order to reinsert Capitol punishment to the extent of the opinion of the court that was the thing, that was the thing to do. Now if he's the one who has to defend this Bill and if he's the one who really wrote it, at a request and it meets with his acceptance, I don't see how we can Amend it. Because I don't think anybody in this body should give to him in a, in a thing so important to Amend this Bill, to delude it in so far as the individual opinion is concerned, and put him in that position. I don't take away from any member of this body the right, to convince this body upon the exercise of judgement to do what they want of this Bill, but if the Attorney Generals the man and he is the man, the only man, who eventually has the responsibilities to defend the State in this important area. If thats so, we ought to give him what he thinkshe ought to have and admitted he admitted. This has alot of things that no one can answer. Nobody yet has the judgement, ifs the best thing that he can think of and reccomended this committee we ought to do it. Its just that simple. If your not going to leave it alone and pass like it or kill it.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm afraid that I have to go against what my good friend and often times support of Senator Carpenter just said. The issue is so serious that I will not leave it up to the Attorney General and I don't believe the Attorney General, out of his own mind and from his own study, wrote this Bill. He acknowledged before the committee, that he went to a a meeting of Attorney Generals all over the country and they came up with a provision like this. I think that acceptance of this Bill by the Attorney General was laziness on his part. I think acceptance of it by the Legislature is a mistake. If you read the Bill as carefully as the Governor wants my Bills read, then you see contradictions in the very beginning of it. In Section 1, line 2, it says that this Bills aim is to establish a mandatory death penalty. Mandatory means, yea, not if or maybe, it does not mean that there can be mitigating or aggravating circumstances. Mandatory is a order and it must be carried out. Yet before the paragraph is completed in this section, it talks about aggravating and mitigating circumstances which can do away with death all together. So there are weaknesses in this Bill, deficiencies and gaps and I also have some Amendments that are offered. I'm opposed to the death penalty, under any and all circumstances, but I know that this Legislature because some men are coming up for re-election next year, because the galleries are being played to like they were played to like the E.R.A. this morning, that this Bill is going to be passed by this body and its going to be signed by the Governor without him picking out the flaws and defects in it, because he is a politician par excellence too, but one thing I'll add, the Governor is the one