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all the amendments to this bill be printed in the Journal. The chair recognizes Senator DeCamp on that motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I would heartily concur with this and I would hope we could also take the amendments and give them to the Attorney General and get an opinion from him. I see Senator Carpenter's concern is that he wrote a bill he feels he can support and defend constitutionally. I think the one...the amendments proposed will make it even easier for him to defend. It's completely black and white in the amendment.

SPEAKER: The chair doesn't think that you need to direct the body to take the amendments over to the Attorney General. Any one of the members of the body has authority to do that anyway, and that would be up to the body to do...excuse me, that would be up to the individual Senator to do that. Senator Carpenter, do you care to respond?

SENATOR CARPENTER: May I say something to Senator DeCamp. Let's pinpoint this thing. I believe the performance(?) of all the people in my state want some form of capital punishment. I want to attempt to give it to them in any form. Others don't. That's the issue. Let the people determine when they have an opportunity to express themselves.

SPEAKER: Now, is there any further discussion of the motion to bracket this bill until next Tuesday, have all the amendments printed in the Journal so that we can consider the bill in that form at this time. Senator Stahmer, we are speaking to that motion.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I would like to support the suggestion and I think an issue as important as this is to Senator Chambers and the people he represents, I think that the least this body could do is to let all of us take a look at these amendments as they would be incorporated into the bill and have our own attorneys check out and give us opinions on this because, certainly, this will be one of the four or five most important bills this body passes and we have been known to pass many bills with technical errors. Let's try to have one for once that doesn't have some.

SPEAKER: Thank you, Senator Stahmer. Senator Rasmussen, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think Senator Stahmer erred just a little. I think this is vital to all the people in this state, not only Senator Chambers. I would agree, wholeheartedly, that we have time to study these amendments.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Are there any objections, then, to bracketing the bill? Thank you. So ordered. Do we have any other business on the desk? Just a minute. Before we take up the motion to adjourn, Senator Stahmer has sent up a note that the members of the Guthrie Theatre Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota who have given performances, of course, of John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" to packed audiences at the University, and, also, their last performance of their current tour will be tonight. But we are indeed privileged to have the members of the Guthrie Theatre Company with us. I believe they are seated in the north balcony and would the members of the Company please stand up. We would like to recognize you. Very good. We are delighted to have you here today to see the performance of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Do we have any other business on the desk.

CLERK: Read unanimous consent motion.

SPEAKER: It will be laid over.

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Government, Military,