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taken by the Legislature must be assumed by each member. The position which the Governor has taken on the death penalty is clear to everybody. He is very much in favor of it, so I think that the Governor in his role as Chief Executive of the state should be the executioner. Now when this proposal was brought to his attention by reporters, there was some comments attributed to him in the newspaper and I have no reason to doubt that he made the remarks that he made. He indicated that if the law required him to be the executioner, he would assume this responsibility. He, also, asked that if an executioner were to be chosen by lots where all of the Senators were to draw lots, and, if, as he called me, the clever Senator Chambers, and I think he was correct in describing me as clever and he could have added witty, and intelligent, also, but yes, I would comply with the law. I would uphold my responsibility because according to this amendment, if the executioner for any reason fails or refuses to carry out his responsibility or duty, no execution would occur. So, we are placing responsibility and fixing it on those governmental officials who not only pass laws, but especially those who want them and enforce them. So, I am asking in all seriousness that this amendment be adopted. The Governor's protest that it takes a professional to flip a switch I think should fall on deaf ears. I would not be opposed to getting a waiver from the electrician's union so that the individual would not have to be a licensed electrician. In addition to that, the only thing required is two 57 second jolts and they could place a clock with a sweep second hand and, if he did not know when 57 seconds had elapsed, somebody could point that out to him. But other than that, there is no particular expertise required. When you throw the switch, the electricity takes care of itself and he stated by having a professional executioner the execution would be performed in as humane a manner as possible. No matter who throws the switch, there is no humane way to cook a human being alive. So whether the individual is a professional executioner or the Governor, the individual will cook just as done and be just as dead, and I tell the Legislature this to show my seriousness of intent. If this amendment is adopted and added to LB 268, I will vote for LB 268 on Final Reading.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, the chair, of course, will not participate in the discussion, but since it might involve the chair, suppose the Governor and Lieutenant Governor are out of the state, then who throws the switch.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Proud, I think that a situation would arise where maybe a determination would have to be made by the Court, unless you want to accept the progression or succession where the Legislature is concerned and members who are Committee chairman could assume that responsibility, but there is no provision for that in the amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to oppose this motion and ask for the question.

SPEAKER: Senator Rasmussen, the chair will gladly accept your motion, except two Senators have had their lights on, here, and I feel out of courtesy I should recognize them. Senator Clark and Senator Stahmer. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I merely wanted to ask for the previous question. I don't think

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