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the budget all the time and he gets by with pure conversation because he's got an open door through which the press flows in everytime he opens his mouth. He makes news and he is knowingly educating people in the area in which it doesn't exist. Now, we don't have an all together similar thing on it. We now give the Governor of the state the sole responsibility. He will either live or die politically by what he is accomplishing. If he fails to carry out those things he promised to this body, the people of this state, he is in trouble, as he should be. If he can carry it out, he shouldn't be in any trouble and, in that case, I don't think any Republican can beat him for reelection in the next time that he, I presume, will run and a Republican candidate. It is just that simple. This is politics, the way we live. We are all adults. This is not new. This has been going on for years and ages. Always will go on and I hope that it will never stop. This is Democracy on the move where the people that understand, we can take the credit ourself. We'll say it. I'll say, we are going to reduce your taxes because they couldn't have done it without our help and our acquiescence in what he suggests we might do. Nothing can happen unless we agree to it. This is our credit. We did it. It couldn't have been done without us doing it. It can't be done any other way. We've listened to the people in this state. We hear their rumblings and rightfully so. Sure, real estate taxes are high, almost unbelievably high. But in any case, if we reduce them, we are just shifting the burden from one to the other. So, I hope you will go along. I have never been any more serious in my life, and if it results in my being defeated, so be it. I say this honestly. If that is the price, I am willing to pay it, if I knew it would happen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud..Senator Proud, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: I have a question of Senator Carpenter.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter was closing. Go ahead.

SENATOR PROUD: I know he was. Senator Carpenter, does this mean that if your motion carries that for the remainder of this year we will have no capital punishment bill on the statutes of the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I presume that is so if that is the position of it. We can get along without it. They are not killing people in this state by that method anyway. We've got courts can prolong and anything you want to do. We're no problem that way. I don't think we are ever going to kill another man in this state with capital punishment but the fact that we could, that is a psychological restraint.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall the Carpenter motion as amended by the Marvel amendment be adopted. All those in favor..Senator Proud asking for a record vote. The question is shall the Carpenter motion as amended by the Marvel amendment be adopted. All those in favor will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: Record vote read. 27 ayes, 17 nays, 5 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I would like unanimous consent to have a letter inserted in the Journal. It is from the State League of Women Voters and it is criticizing and taking issue with the way I conducted Thursday's hearing on the fourteen bills introduced by the Secretary of State. As the Chairman of the Committee, I take full