

hopelessly deadlocked in committee. They were important enough to be brought to the floor to be discussed by this body and acted upon in one form or another. I certainly think that LB 262 is at least as equally important if not more so, and the same rights and privileges in terms of discussion of this motion should be brought to the floor. I will make my comments very brief. The main thing that I want to point out is that I think there is a tremendous amount of misconception, and even misinformation about the death penalty, and all too often when it is argued either...essentially for the death penalty, it's done on an emotional level. It's done on an emotional basis without the use of facts or statistics. Now this issue was discussed extensively two years ago. At that time I worked very closely with Senator Chambers. We prepared a booklet, a pamphlet if you will, of material dealing strictly in facts and statistics, not dealing with emotional arguments, and presented that to the members of the body at the time. I think that that pamphlet very clearly refuted a number of allegations, misstatements and thoughts about the death penalty. Many of you were here when that debate took place. However, many of you were not. I think in all fairness, because the issue is so important, because it's so grave and a vital concern, those of you who have not had a chance to look at this material, and those of you that have not had a chance to look at some valid arguments and valid testimony, some valid statistical information rather strictly from the emotional standpoint, deserve the right and really have an obligation to take a very close look at that. I think that that information will be forthcoming. The pamphlet is prepared. I know that Senator Chambers has additional information, and we are prepared to...those people that support Senator DeCamp's motion are prepared when the debate comes up to argue the bill based on logic, based on fact instead of dealing strictly from an emotional standpoint. I again urge you to support the motion to bring LB 262 to the floor so that we might take a look at this information and then make the best decision for the citizens of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before we proceed, it's my pleasure to introduce first of all in the north balcony from Senator Simon's district a hundred and sixteen 4th Grade students, four teachers and eight mothers from Morton Elementary School, Millard, Nebraska, Kathleen Hamilton the 4th Grade teacher. Where are you? Just raise your hands so we can welcome you. I think a hundred and fourteen is a record at the moment. In the south balcony from Senator Maresh's district ten Mutual Improvement Study Club members from Crete, Nebraska, Ardis Halstead, member, Lucille Ahren,