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square between the eyes, but which unless this Legislature now acts to draw 262 from the Judiciary Committee will go unsumrised, unassessed, and unfaced by this Legislature. I will not be one to sit on the sidelines while that happens. I'll be voting in favor of the DeCamp motion, and those of you who were so quick to your feet on the laetrile issue last week, and the drinking bill, and others in which the human essential questions were used as the basis for their being drawn from the committee system, I expect you to stand up today and support this motion because at its root the human values at play are at least as significant as those measures. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR KEYES: Well Mr. Speaker, I am just going to make a few statements. I know now where the Governor stands on the death penalty. There are ten new senators in this body that have not been here before. It would be interesting for me to understand and know where they stand on the death penalty. I have never believed in the death penalty. It was part of the campaign that I had in which I lost, but I think that the people of this state are entitled to know the qualifications and what their senators that they have elected will do. And so ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, vote to bring this bill to the floor of the Legislature for an open and full discussion so that the people will know where we stand on the death penalty.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I voted to bring the laetrile bill to the floor because it was deadlocked in committee. I certainly believe in our strong committee system, and when they can make a decision, either to kill it or move a bill, that's fine, but in a case like this where it was deadlocked I voted. I think it was a bill that should be heard by the full Legislature. Likewise on 221, I haven't made a decision on laetrile. I want to hear it debated. I did make a decision on 221 after I heard it debated on the floor, and that's exactly how I feel on this bill, and I will support a full debate on the floor of the death penalty and then make my decision.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp. The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp to close on his motion.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think the single question that I was asked more