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the death penalty but in other crimes as well. I understand that in some of the cities hoodlums have no regard for the law. Why? Because they know that the trend is not to put people in jail. The trend is not to execute people for murder. The trend is the other direction. Why? First of all, because it is expensive. We don't want to spend the money. Secondly, we don't want to keep them in jail. Why? Because it doesn't rehabilitate people. Criminologists themselves say keeping people in the prison does not help them even with our rehabilitation programs. The best that happens, the best that happens is that they don't get any worse. Now that is not rehabilitation. So our system perhaps is wrong. Senator Kremer says the death penalty is not working. Correct. So what do we do? We do away with it. Well, then let me submit this. Education isn't working. How many times have you heard Johnny can't read or write or carry on a conversation or answer the phone? Education isn't working. Do we do away with education simply because it isn't working? No, not entirely. Welfare isn't working so shall we do away with it? I'd like to try and sic you onto that one and see if that would work. So we say the death penalty isn't working. What do you mean it isn't working? Maybe it is working. Maybe the deterrent is working. Perhaps it is working and we don't know it. Frankly there is no way to determine whether the death penalty is a deterrent or isn't. Well, now we say, well, we will have a mandatory thirty year period in prison. I say, no, you won't. You don't tell the Supreme Court what to do. You found out this week, when they want to sidestep an issue, they do. We think we make laws in here. Yes, we pass the law but the University doesn't pay any attention when they don't want to, state colleges don't when they don't want to, Supreme Court doesn't when they don't want to. The executive branch pretty well abides by the law but I think it is because they want to. If they didn't, they wouldn't. The trend in the country is in the opposite direction of the death penalty. If we knew what the answer would be, everybody would be following our footsteps. We don't know what the answer is. I submit to you that by doing away with the death penalty just does away with something. Until we have something better to offer, something more basic than just doing away with something, I think we should keep it. Thank you.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Labeledz, and while she is coming to the microphone, I would like to introduce 65 fourth grade students from Paddock Elementary School in Omaha, in Senator Koch's District, Gary Hansen is their teacher, in the South balcony. Welcome to the Unicameral. Senator