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LB 262, 596

Nichol, have no comprehension of what a murderer might think I feel but I would like to say this. How many of you here have ever been accused of something....

SENATOR MARSH: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...of which you were not guilty and had no one to speak up for you? I had that experience, and even though the evidence was overwhelming on my side, those accusers were more interested in proving that they were correct than in proving my innocence. I wonder what would have happened if I had not been an individual who knows the law, has resources, can defend myself? I think the facts are that the death penalty is not being carried out, has not been carried out, will not be carried out argues for my position, that of Senator Kremer, that we try another deterrent. I believe that the thirty year maximum penalty may be an effective deterrent and I argue in support of LB 262 and I take a second to no person in this body in my support of law enforcement. Madam President, I ask that my colleagues join me in the vote to advance LB 262.

SENATOR MARSH: The motion is to advance LB 262. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Senator Marsh voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Marsh voting aye.

SENATOR MARSH: Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 17 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: The bill is advanced. Is there information to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes. Madam President, Public Works Committee will meet in executive session at 1:00 P.M. today under the North balcony. That is Public Works Committee.

Senator Keyes asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 596.

Your committee on Enrollment and Review respectfully reports we have carefully examined engrossed LB 596 and find the same correctly engrossed.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Wesely, would you like to recess us until one-thirty?