

SENATOR DECAMP: You are not listening to what I said. My question is, let us assume no amendments were attached by Senator Haberman, or myself, or Senator Chambers, the bill is ready to be read and have a final vote right now. Are you ready to take that final vote or do you, Senator Morehead, or any of the people supporting the bill, intend to attempt to amend it or change it and thereby delay it?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: We do have two friendly amendments, yes, sir.

SENATOR DECAMP: So then there wouldn't be any vote on the bill if you were successful anyway today, is that correct?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. Then I would like to speak on the bill. Mr. President, I guess I don't know whether the bill is going to pass. I am beginning to bet against it and I think delay is in favor of the opponents but that is fine by me. I happen to be one of those. I don't even begrudge the time spent on the bill because I think the bill really deals with something awfully important, even though we, as a Legislature, have kind of a habit, and maybe it is a good habit, I don't know, but we have a habit of being able to get our teeth really deep into such things as paddlefish, license plates, trees, whether we should or shouldn't have them, you know what I mean, and, of course, a seat belt bill, something real black and white, a basic contrast here as to whether you do or you don't. I suppose under normal circumstances I would be supporting the bill because it came primarily from the new car dealers, we all know that. I think I have got a pretty good record of supporting them because they are usually business oriented and they are usually against government intervention, government intervention. The second factor going in favor of the bill would be it does have a noble purpose which I would like to discuss later, and that is saving lives. Third reason you might look at the bill and decide what to do is, of course, what is the political fallout, and I say a third reason because I think that should be the third reason you look at. I think the other two should be the first ones. Political fallout, just my personal opinion, this is one of the fatal ones. In other words, it can wipe you out in an election. I think a John DeCamp can get away with, at least have, voting for repeal of the death penalty but I think if I