

kill motion on the bill. So, if this bracketing motion should fail, then the next order of business as I understand it would be to take up this kill motion. I feel that we need to keep the death penalty in Nebraska and I feel it does serve as a deterrent and I'll cite you some examples later on when we get to it, either later this afternoon or, if the bracketing motion carries, this will be taken up on April 3, which is in a little over two weeks. But I believe that the death penalty is morally required as the only appropriate punishment for some crimes. We need to keep the death penalty in our state and use it to protect our society from these cruel murderers. The majority of people, the majority of people in Nebraska favor the use of the death penalty. We've seen polls from time to time, I think a poll was taken last year that showed that 73 percent of Nebraskans favor the use of the death penalty. Several years ago I took a poll in the 19th Legislative District that I represent and I believe it showed something like 84 percent favored the use of the death penalty. Abolishing the death penalty in our state would deny ourselves a major weapon in the battle against violent crime. And so this afternoon we're going to talk about whether we want to bracket this bill or not and at this particular time I haven't made up my mind whether I'm going to vote for the bracketing motion yet. But I do think that maybe in the case of the Rulo case that is being tried now, maybe it would be better if we wouldn't say too much about the death penalty and go ahead and bracket it for a couple weeks.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Remmers, please, on the bracketing motion.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, I was going to speak on this issue, but I think in view that we have the bracketing motion here, I will, if the bracketing motion fails, speak again. I do want to say that I have a lot of sympathy for Senator Chambers' position and I certainly would not try to refute any of the statements he has made, but I am not in favor of repealing the death penalty at this time. But with the bracketing motion and with the situation as has been described, if the bracketing motion fails, I'll just speak again then, but I will support the bracket motion.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Remmers. Senator Pirsch, please, on the motion to bracket.