

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Senator Carsten, members of the body, I was ready today. I've got all my handouts, all my arguments and refutations of Senator Chambers, however, not because of Senator Chambers' position, but because of the position of the prosecutors and the defense and the victims of the Rulo incident, I will only say that I certainly intend to oppose with every fiber of my body the repeal of the death penalty, but I think because of the sensitivity of the circumstances, that perhaps we should indeed consider carrying this over and discussing it at a later time. Thank you.

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

SENATOR DECAMP: I call the question.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? One, two, three, four, five. I do. The motion is, the question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Hoagland, would you like to close on your motion, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes, I would, Mr. President. I'd like first to give Senator Chambers a minute or two of my closing time, if I might.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Chambers, you have a little of Senator Hoagland's time, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, usually on this issue I can be very forceful and direct, but to be frank with you, Senator Hoagland told me that he had spoken with the judge and what the judge had said and to be totally frank with you, it took a little of the steam out of me and I have to concede that what he is recommending probably is the best thing. I don't believe anybody's mind is going to change in the two weeks or whatever period of time it is, so we'll just delay till that time exactly what would have happened today. So I'm not going to vote for the bracketing motion, but I think