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LB 626, 202
LR 285-290

Senator Hefner would report favorably upon confirmation hearing of Mr. William Fitzgerald to the Nebraska Arts Council. (See page 1557 of the Legislative Journal).

Your Enrolling Clerk presented to the Governor for his approval LB 626 at 5:20 p.m. yesterday.

Mr. President, new resolutions. LR 285 (Read Title). LR 286 (Read Title). LR 287 (Read Title). LR 288 (Read Title). LR 289 and 290 (Titles Read). All those study resolutions will be referred to the Executive Board.

SENATOR LAMB: The next item is number four, motions.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion I have pertains to LB 202. Senator Chambers we had that motion filed previously, it was in the Journal. I understand you want to withdraw that and substitute the motion we talked about yesterday, is that right? Mr. President, in that event Senator Chambers would move to suspend Rule 7, Section 7 and reconsider the indefinite postponement of LB 202.

SENATOR LAMB: There will be a strict 15 minute limit on this and it will be voted up or down at that point. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will not even require 15 minutes for what I want to discuss with you this morning. It is impossible in that short amount of time to get into the merits of LB 202, which is a bill as amended by Senator Beutler to restrict the imposition of the death penalty to first degree murders committed by those incarcerated. Since that can not be the issue during these 15 minutes I have to make another proposal to you and I think it is very modest. I had stated the other day when this bill was voted on for reconsideration and the reconsideration motion failed, I had stated what my intention was. I'm going to restate. I don't want the Legislature to adjourn without having a bill pending for dealing with the death penalty. If this motion to reconsider is voted up, that would end the discussion of LB 202 this session. If the bill...if the reconsideration motion is not approved, then I will be forced to continue a discussion of the issue for the balance of the session so that there will be consideration of it before us. So you will be aware of how I intend to do this, if you look at the Journal, you will find 15 pages of amendments on page 1427 through 1441. That group of amendments constitutes four different propositions for