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Further information on EXTRA 37/97 (AMR 51/13/97, 17 March 1997) - Death penalty

USA (Iowa) Possible reintroduction of the death penalty

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The Iowa House of Representatives has failed to vote on the reintroduction of the death penalty in the state during the current sitting. The legislation has now passed the date known as the "funnel date" and cannot be voted on in this session of the House. The earliest possible date a vote on the reintroduction of the death penalty can now take place is January 1998.

The Senate may still vote on the reintroduction of the death penalty but it cannot become law without first being passed by the House of Representatives.

No further action is required by the Urgent Action Network. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.