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statute; it doesn't need to be done with a moratorium that may cause additional appeals, additional cost to the taxpayers, additional anguish for families who have waited, sometimes decades, for closure. If you were one of those family members, you'd want closure, you'd want to see the end of this. Death in our society sometimes is sanctioned by government. Imagine, we send our very best young people off to war to fight for causes we believe in, knowing, statistically, some will die. But here support of this bill stops the death of people who have committed crimes so heinous, so horrible that society demands the ultimate penalty. I wanted, during the discussion of this bill and decided to pull the amendments, to talk about post conviction appeals and limiting post conviction appeals. I wanted to talk about the method of execution, whether it should be lethal injection or the electric chair. I believe it should be lethal injection. I believe there should be limits on post conviction appeals as well. But I was prevailed upon to withdraw those amendments and simply have the discussion during this bracket motion. But I'll tell you, the death penalty, if you want it to work, if you want it to work as a deterrent, if you want it to save innocent lives, it needs to be swift, it needs to be certain; it's not right now, that's part of the problem. I urge your support of this bracket motion. I think the citizens of Nebraska will be grateful to know that this Legislature intends to protect them from the type of people that are on death row. Mr. President, I would like to ask for a roll call vote, please.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bruning. The question is, shall LB 76 be bracketed until April 10, 2000? Roll call vote has been requested. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 2125.)  
18 ayes, 23 nays on the motion to bracket, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is not agreed to.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 76