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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you know how many women?

SENATOR HEFNER: I don't think that there has been any women executed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Even by hanging?

SENATOR HEFNER: Not that I know of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you know the number of non-negligent homicides that were committed in Nebraska last year, 1981?

SENATOR HEFNER: No, I don't.

SENATOR LAMB: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR HEFNER: Do you, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you know the date of the last execution in Nebraska?

SENATOR HEFNER: I believe that it was in 1959.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: This is the final one that I'll ask you. Do you know whether the murder rate in Nebraska went up or down after Nebraska reinstated the death penalty around 1973?

SENATOR HEFNER: I would say that it stayed about even.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you say that it has gone up some years and down the next year, would that be accurate do you think?

SENATOR HEFNER: No, I said that it stayed about even.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Members of the Legislature, I wanted some things into the record because there wouldn't be anything to be gained by presenting new evidence if the old and existing evidence is not understood and if there is now awareness of it. I know that there is not much chance of this amendment being adopted. But, I still have to get some things into the record and Senator Hefner helped me. So who knows, maybe during these waning hours of the session you may have a change of heart. And, you might fool me and adopt this amendment and if you do . . .

SENATOR LAMB: Your time is up, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: . . .I might have a heart attack.

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