

they'd read some of those debates that went on not only at the Constitutional Convention because we only know what James Madison wrote about that. But you can get transcripts of discussions that took place in legislatures around the country among those who had to ratify the Constitution. You'll see why they wanted to insist on an eighth amendment prohibiting cruel and unusual punishments. They were concerned about the kind of punishments attached to crimes. Crime has always been a problem. But the question then because of their experiences in England was, what kind of punishments are you going to annex to the conduct that we make criminal? And today, we don't have people that concerned about it because of the political posturing. This thing will become the law.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President and members, I rise in opposition to the bracket. I think about the bracket, we hear a lot of it and I've seen how the effect of it, I don't think it's very effective. In fact, I kind of put it like the old saying if I don't have to do it today I'll do it tomorrow or something to that effect. And I must tell you that if I were in my other world and if I had taken that process don't do it until tomorrow or maybe I should say in the real world, I wouldn't have got anything done. I'm looking up there, I see it's nine o'clock, we've got just about three hours. I know that this committee, the Judiciary Committee which I serve, worked hard on it. I know the back-up, the legislative assistants that Senator Lindsay used on this. I know that the bills are good. We had debate. We had executive meeting. In fact, I might tell you that we did have an executive meeting and there was an individual showed up and wouldn't stay when we tried to put the bill together. We took what we wanted and we voted on it and we put it together. I think the people in Nebraska deserve this bill. I think we deserve to obligate ourselves to get through it, work on it three hours and get it done. It will not take that long, and if we do have some conflicts, all we have to do is get to the side, work it out, and go about our business. It should be very easy and I urge you to vote against this bracket bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, colleagues, I rise in