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mandate. And I think there can be an argument that these costs associated with a capital prosecution are not abnormal, they're normal. States all over the country, even those that want to maintain the death penalty, have acknowledged the high cost of prosecuting death penalty cases, and some states budget for it, I'm sure...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...Texas does. Now, if what is attempted is to make the state pay for the prosecution of all capital cases, we could then be injecting an economic incentive to seek the death penalty for everybody, whereas it's not sought now because the state's going to pay for it, and a county attorney could make political hay because there is no cost on his or her county. So whichever way it goes there can be an economic factor. But in the instance before us today, would you agree that the costs of the capital case was a part of the equation that brought the bill before us today, based on what the introducer said?

SENATOR HILGERT: Yes, based on...yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And since our time is running out, I'm not going to ask you a question and get you in the middle of answering.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'll turn on my light again.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Chambers, for the opening on the Chambers amendment. Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized, followed by Senators Maurstad, Vrtiska, Beutler, and Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm going to pass on Senator Chambers.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Wehrbein waives off. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I want to thank the Chairman of my Appropriations Committee for allowing me to...or giving me an opportunity here. I'm not going to speak to the Chambers'