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other serious crimes. I appreciate and respect what Senator Chambers has brought to our attention, and I think the debate will be interesting on this issue. I guess, I am too upset about what's happening in Denver to really discuss it rationally right now. I think we're faced with a decision as to whether we just want to have soft and mushy justice, do we want to have law that's ineffective, unenforceable, and equivocal, or do we want to have a true justice system? There's one other thing I must respond to, and that's Senator Chambers' handout concerning Simpson. I was Simpson's court-appointed lawyer, 21 years ago. I tried his case, I represented him in a trial and in an appeal to the Supreme Court. You might say I won the case, because he did not end up in the electric chair, even though the facts of the crime were rather heinous. I don't have enough composure to discuss this case at this time. I will later, and I'll go into some of the details and comment on some of the things that Senator Chambers and I have discussed before, and some of the considerations in this particular case. But I think it is disturbing that we have to approach this subject today when there are murderers, or would-be murderers, sitting in a school house in Denver, and perhaps unfortunately the full count of those who have been injured are not yet in. So thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke. Further discussion on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 76. Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I...I, too, am disturbed by what Senator Matzke has just described to us. And I certainly understand the gravity of the situation. I do not celebrate the death penalty, I do not revel in the fact that the state of Nebraska has the death penalty, I am not proud of the fact that we have the death penalty. But in certain cases, there are certain crimes that are so horrible, so horrible, there is no other way to provide society with a sense of justice. In 1997, the Judiciary Committee studied this exact issue, and they talked about the potential benefits of the death penalty being three: a deterrent value, a cost savings over life imprisonment, and a sense of justice. And the conclusions were that you could not guarantee that the death penalty was a deterrent, you couldn't say that it was, you couldn't say that it wasn't. And you couldn't guarantee, in fact there probably