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of hand and each family had to keep killing that finally the king intervened and wiped out the blood feud and, instead of there being a death for a death, a life taken for a life, there were damages that the family could claim. And the king took part of those by saying, when the death occurred, the king lost a fighting person. So, from...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that time on, these actions were taken in the name of the state, not the name of the family.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion, Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, Senator Crosby, each of my colleagues that supports this bill, I respect your position. I'm not proud of the death penalty, but I think it serves a purpose. And, Senator Chambers, if we could all be as self-actualized as you are, I think, you're right, we'd have a more enlightened society. But 90 percent of my constituents tell me they favor the death penalty. A vast majority of this Legislature is on record as favoring the death penalty. A vast majority of Nebraskans favor the death penalty. Vast majority of Americans favor the death penalty. And maybe that's not self-actualized, maybe that's not enlightened way of thinking, maybe that's not the plateau of debate you want us to be at. But if we get to the merits of LB 76, as I look at this bill, and Senator Hilgert and Senator Brashear have the conversation that there are no scheduled executions in the next three years, the first thing I ask myself is then why do we need the bill? If you want to study the issues, study the issues. I don't stand here before this body today saying that I dispute the opportunity to study the issues. I agree, Senator Matzke said earlier, we ought to take every opportunity to study these issues. We ought to study them again and again and again, and make sure that the penalty is not meted out in an unfair fashion. I agree wholeheartedly. I don't stand here to dispute a study. But I don't understand what a moratorium's going to do, other than let Senator Chambers get his nose under the tent, the camel's nose under the tent, and help him achieve his end goal, which is to abolish the death