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penalty in Nebraska. So, Senator Hilgert, I ask you, rhetorically, if you favor the death penalty what good is a moratorium for three years going to do if there aren't any executions? And I'll give you a chance to answer that. I won't ask it just rhetorically.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you. Because when you grow up there are no do overs. If we study this and we found out something was unfair, that there is an economic disparity, we can't say do over. They're dead.

SENATOR BRUNING: Thank you, Senator, and I understand, I understand that perspective. I look back at the '97 study that's barely two years old, the ink is not even dry, and it says, as I quoted before, despite evidence, there's insufficient objective facts to draw firm conclusions about prejudices in Nebraska. It's two years old. Our own Legislature, our own Judiciary Committee concluded there was insufficient facts to draw that conclusion. And I submit to you that there's no urgent need to have a moratorium. Nebraska's death row had the longest, and this is from the study as well, longest average number of years under sentence of death of any state with 10 or more death row inmates at 12.2 years. Of any state, takes longer here. There is time to study. The one thing we've got, one thing those death row inmates have is time. It goes on and on. The appeals go on and on. There's time to study this. We need to study it. Let's keep studying it. I'm all for that. But I'm not sure what purpose the moratorium serves other than to enrage the average Nebraskan that these people get away, in their view, in my view, with heinous crimes. And so I dispute the need for a moratorium. I think it's just an opportunity to start moving down the path to do away with the death penalty. And I would love to live in a society where we never had to use the death penalty. I wish that were the case. I wish people...I wish Robert or Roger Bjorklunds didn't exist or the crimes they committed never happened, I certainly do, but unfortunately it's not that way.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.