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SENATOR TYSON: ...doesn't take three month...three minutes. Pardon me, three months, not three...it'll take more than three minutes, three months, six months. But all we have when we're finished is statistics. The victims have still been deprived of their life. Senator Brashear quotes the Supreme Court, the same Supreme Court that took a murderer from my town, after he murdered a woman he did not know, he picked her out of the newspaper, strangled her and sexually attacked her dead body, but that crime was not sufficient heinous to warrant the death penalty and he sits down warm and dry in the Lincoln Penitentiary. I submit to you that after studying...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR TYSON: ...we won't know more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Every year, I have a district survey and in 1994, when I ran the first time, I did a survey and my district said at that time that 80 percent were for the death penalty and 20 percent were against the death penalty. This year, I re-asked and asked it in a way that asked would you prefer to keep capital punishment or would you prefer to replace it with life imprisonment or...with no possibility of parole and, lo and behold, out of the 9,000 surveys that I sent out I got about 1,026 back and it was a dead even split. Attitudes about the...capital punishment are changing and I...I can remember when I was...I was running in 1994. I said that, no matter what, I would never go against my constituents, but I'm in a quandary now as to what to do because I have an even split in my district. So I have to go with my own conscience and I think that a three-year moratorium, where we study what are we really doing and what does this do, what does capital punishment do. If we replace it with life imprisonment with no possibility of parole, we keep that person off the streets, as well as killing them keeps them off the streets. I don't know if anybody else has done a survey this year or not in their district, but I think attitudes are changing, and I would encourage all of you to directly ask your constituents, which would you prefer, to keep the death penalty or replace it with