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life imprisonment with no possibility of parole? If I have any time left, how much time do I have left, I'll give it to Senator Hilgert.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert, a little over two minutes.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members, and thank you, Senator Suttle. I appreciate that. Again, this amendment, the moratorium, is not replacing the death penalty with life in prison, no parole, but that may well in fact be a point of discussion after three years should the study determine that our system is somewhat lacking. Let's see, I want to read you here...in April 15th in Oklahoma, charges against Ronald Keith Williamson (phonetic) and Dennis Fritz (phonetic) were officially dropped. A judge dismissed the charges after recent DNA tests of the crime scene did not match their DNA. The two men had been convicted of rape and murder and Williamson (phonetic) was sentenced to death. Federal Appeals Court overturned Williams' (phonetic) conviction of 1977 because he lawyer was incompetent. Here's the point here. The lawyer was paid \$3,200 for the defense. This person has been exonerated, \$3,200. If he had had...if he was a wealthy movie star or some other celebrity...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ..he'd probably have more than \$3,200 for his defense. This is one of the things that this study would look at, the economic. You know, Senator Tyson, all due respect, it probably would take only three months to study, what, the 1,300 or so cases regarding the facts concerning the actual murder. We're not...at least one of the reasons I'm considering supporting this moratorium and the study is not looking at how many times someone was stabbed or what circumstances the actual crime took place, but what circumstances around the crime. How much publicity was there? What about the charging of that individual? What about the defense? What about the judicial process? This is what I believe on the Judiciary Committee, at least I feel my obligation is, is to look at our process, not whether someone deserves death or not. I agree with Senator Bruning they do. In fact, you know, I haven't thought about it a whole lot, I did serve in the army, but I don't think I'd have