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a problem being one them that carried out an execution in the...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...state of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: But that's not the point. The point...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert, time.

SENATOR HILGERT: Oh. Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: I did give you a one-minute warning. You only had two minutes to start with. Senator Beutler, further discussion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I have supported the death penalty from the very beginning because I think it has some deterrent effect and I don't want to go into that argument. But being one who has supported the death penalty it does, in fact, by doing that, by doing that, I do in fact make myself a part of the apparatus of the state that, in effect, legitimizes state administered executions. And being a part of that apparatus, I feel that I want to be especially sure about what I'm doing and the circumstances under which it's done, and that's why I am giving a lot of consideration this afternoon to voting for this moratorium. Having said that, I want to understand better the nature of this study and, Senator Brashear, if I could engage you in some conversation.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: We can be doing this for two different reasons. We can be doing it because this is the only way we want to delay, the only way we have to delay executions if we are of that philosophic bent. Or we could be doing this because we think that the information that may be generated would, in