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are the number of cases related to murder in the first degree, I presume. How many are...is that then become the 1,300 cases that Senator Tyson described or...let me just ask you then how many cases are we studying by including this broader category and why have we broadened the category so?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And help me stay on, if I cannot recall all your question, Senator Beutler, why, please remind me. At present, among those who are incarcerated, if we were to study first degree, second degree murder, and manslaughter, we would be studying 411...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...cases.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hilgert, further discussion on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 76.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate that. Members, again, let's look and see what Illinois did. As you know, the individual there was released who was innocent. The Attorney General of Illinois, Jim Ryan: "The people of Illinois, through their elected leaders, have expressed their preference for capital punishment," not unlike Nebraska. "Those of us who are entrusted to enforce this sanction must be dedicated to building in as many reasonable safeguards as possible." Why, to get people off? No, "to ensure the law's integrity and public confidence in its outcomes." I see nothing wrong in that. That was in February. In April, April 6th, the Supreme Court of Illinois created a 17-member judicial committee to review the death penalty in the state of Illinois. I'm going to make a copy of this. There's too much to read here and it would take too long, but one excerpt: Our faith in our criminal justice system should not be viewed as an endorsement of the status quo. This is from Chief Justice Freeman. Even the best system can be improved upon, but improvements cannot be made without the dissemination of constructive and critical comment. I'll make a copy for my colleagues to look at. Again, the wheels of justice would still continue while this moratorium took place. We're going to be studying the aspects surrounding the imposition of the death penalty. Something that I'm very