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about marijuana, but we're talking about the death penalty. We're talking about people's lives and that we should take most serious. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. For further discussion on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments of LB 76, Senator Brashear, followed by Price, Tyson, Bromm, Engel, Suttle, Bohlke, Beutler, and Dierks. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm going to try and address some of the issues raised by Senator Beutler in his prior conversation. I'd like to return to my extended opening where I referred the body to 29-2521.01. What we are doing here is giving effect to something which was done by this Legislature in 1978, and forgive me for repeating, but there's a lot of material here. I think it's worth going over. In 1978, the Legislature indicated, you'll recall I read life is the most valuable possession of a human being and before taking it the state should apply and follow the most scrupulous standards of fairness and uniformity, and I read the five subparts of that statute, concluding in which there is a finding, a legislative finding by the body in 1978, that the law has not been scrupulously applied in a fair and uniform manner. And the Legislature concluded in order to compensate for the lack of uniformity in charges which are filed as a result of similar circumstances, it is necessary for the Supreme Court to review and analyze all criminal homicides, criminal homicides, Senator Beutler, committed under the existing law in order to ensure that each case produces a result similar to that arrived at in other cases with the same or similar circumstances. And then, as a part of that same bill in 1978, the body ordered, so to speak, the Supreme Court shall, within a reasonable time after July 22, 1978, review and analyze all cases involving criminal homicide committed...criminal homicide committed on or after April 20th, 1973. Such review and analysis shall examine the facts, including mitigating and aggravating circumstances, the charges filed, the crime for which the defendant was convicted, and the sentence imposed. Such review shall be updated as new criminal homicide cases occur. The object of the review was that the Supreme Court would be able to consider, with regard to sentencing, how similarly situated and similarly or analogous first degree murder cases occurred and were treated; whether