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SENATOR TYSON: No one doubted the justice of that sentence. I offer to this body that, while I have no problem with Senator Chambers' amendment to the amendment, I have a problem with the committee amendment and with the original bill, the green copy. I think that we can, on a moral basis, and I say that as a Catholic, knowing that the Catholic Bishops decry the death penalty, I think we can make a morale argument for the imposition of the death penalty. That is what we have done over the years and that is what I think we should continue to do. Mr. President, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Bromm, for discussion on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments to LB 76.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I've been here seven years and there's always been lots of talk about the death penalty. We've never had an opportunity to debate it on the floor, and in some ways I've looked forward to that, and in some ways I've dreaded it, as we probably all have. It's a very difficult, very difficult area, I think, for many, many of us, and I, first of all, want to say that I don't fault anyone whatsoever for their position or their opinion on this matter. It's entirely too...too personal, I think, to be judgmental about others. I am very much probably in the situation Senator Beutler described himself, having historically been not an opponent of the death penalty and not necessarily out waving the flag about it, but...but being probably complacently supportive, at least, and having had to become somewhat involved with it having been a county attorney. I do want, if we pass this bill, to try to make sure the information we derive is useful to help with analyzing the imposition of the death penalty. We should not be afraid to examine it if we're going to have it, and I think that, in itself, probably supports what the Judiciary Committee has decided to do with respect to that section of the bill. The moratorium is another question and I'm sure we'll have significant debate. I do have some questions of Senator Brashear, if he would yield again to some questions.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.