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SENATOR BRASHEAR: It endeavored to do so with a...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...brief statute 1973, and then the statutes we've been working through that I've been quoting from and so on are 1978.

SENATOR BROMM: (inaudible).

SENATOR BRASHEAR: The Crime Commission...the Crime Commission has indicated it will have trouble going back before 1978.

SENATOR BROMM: So my question is why shouldn't we have them review cases starting with 1978 rather than starting with 1973? Would that be something you would want to consider? Would you give that some consideration?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Certainly, that's something to consider.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. Thank you. I would, I guess, and I would like Senator Brashear, on their time, or Senator Chambers, who has studied this a great deal more than probably any of us, to comment on Section 29-2521.03, which this Legislature adopted in '78 and which imposes upon the Supreme Court in every criminal homicide case to compare each case with previous cases involving the same or similar circumstances.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I'm not going to quote the Bible or the law because I'm not a biblical or a legal scholar. And I don't intend to debate the master debaters on this floor, but I do have a few questions and a few statements to make. I'd like to start off with a question of Senator Brashear, if he would respond.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.