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the people, our constituents, to statutory provisions of the state of Nebraska for which the Attorney General and the Supreme Court and everybody else are bound, which say the Legislature, hereby, finds that life is the most valuable possession of a human being, and before taking it, the state shall apply and follow the most scrupulous standards of fairness and uniformity, and then this body, in the ultimate discharge of its duty to pursue justice, not law and order, not revenge, justice, found, and this is 29-2521.01 of our Nebraska Statutes, state law should be applied uniformly throughout the state, and since the death penalty is a statewide law, an offense which would not result in a death sentence in one portion of the state should not result in a death in a different portion. Charges relating for the same or similar circumstances have in the past not been uniform and have produced radically differing results, and in order to compensate for the lack of uniformity, these are our words,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...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 and so on, and then we go to the proportionality review, and what this discussion is about is being responsive to the Supreme Court's dicta and concurring opinions in order that we can be responsive to ensure that justice is done. I'm not quibbling about the ten people who are on death row. I happened, if you recall yesterday, and I'm going to pursue it today, I'm going to pursue other cases where people performing equally heinous deeds are not sentenced to death, and guess what? Next we are going to second degree murder, the people who are never even charged with anything that put them under threat and we'll talk about some of the facts of those cases and, ultimately, we will recall that this is about whether or not we are fair, scrupulously and fairly applying...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...the death penalty in all, any and all cases and circumstances which are similar. Thank you.