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should not kill. That is not the purpose of the state. It's interesting that while so much attention is focused on black people and innercity crime, as it's called, all of these shootings where there are multiple killings, and in some cases these killers have murdered their parents first, the killers were white teenagers. All of the shootings took place in rural settings, not the innercity, not where my people live, but my people have been among the victims. And yet when these things happen, you see the white people experiencing the shock that anybody would experience,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...yet in these areas where they stockpile guns, and it's interesting that the push for carrying concealed weapons in Nebraska comes from the rural areas, and I kept saying, who do they fear? Maybe they do know the nature of the people in their communities. But with all of these guns around, with a gun culture, with the violence or the threat of it which this country uses to address all problems, why should anybody be shocked that these things happen? Horrified, yes. Shocked, surprised, no.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Don Pederson, for the amendment to the committee amendments on LB 76.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I've been listening to the discussion now that has gone on into the second day, and I've been very interested in the matters that have come up before the group. I would have to say that as I approached this matter, having previously served as a prosecutor, I'm not prepared to abolish the death penalty. However, when you are dealing with a matter as serious as this, and when you do have what has been pointed out by Senator Brashear as a somewhat questionable application of that death penalty, certainly at this point I think we need to discuss, I think we need to examine what is our process in this respect. I think it's too important for us to say, well, we have the...we have the general rules but let's don't study this thing, let's don't see how it's really being applied. I think that is very important. Senator Bruning has made the amendment proposal that