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perpetrators were caught, not that anybody should suffer death.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the Bruning amendment, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just wanted to say briefly that I'm against the Bruning amendment. It would seem to me that you ought to be, in a case like this, either for both the moratorium and the study or against both, because why would you want to be in a position not knowing the results of a study that if the study showed, and I don't think it will, but if it does show that our system is completely irrational, why would you want to risk having executed a person in the interim under a system that then is determined to be perfectly irrational? It seems to me the logic of the matter and consistency is what's most important in this instance, and that you ought to reject the Bruning amendment, and either vote for the study and the moratorium or vote for neither. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on the Bruning amendment to the committee amendments to LB 76? Senator Thompson, followed by Tyson, Dwite Pedersen, Brashear, Chambers and Schinek.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I rise in opposition to this amendment to the committee amendments, and the reason I do is manifold, but I would like to share some of those reasons with you. First of all, I appreciate the work of the Judiciary Committee and their recommendation. And I think, as members of the body, we need to recognize and support the process that they went through to make this recommendation and I know they don't make it lightly. And looking at the committee statement, I just wanted to read a section of it for clarification that what would happen during the moratorium period. It says, the committee amendment would impose a three-year moratorium period during which no executions would be carried out. The moratorium period would begin on the effective date of the act and end on September 1, 2002. During the moratorium period, sentences under the special procedures in cases of homicide provide in Sections 29-2519 to 29-2546 would continue in effect and all other proceedings related to capital cases would continue except that no execution date shall be set