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the essence of humanness, which is not life, that being a matter of biology or theology, but the essence of humanness in this transaction is freedom. The part of Senator Tyson's speech which I thought was the most insightful is when he says the highest goal is freedom, not life. I concur 100 percent with him. I think life is a gift of God, I think it's a matter of theology, but what it is that we, as a society, give each other is meaningful freedom and that has to be...to be meaningful, it can't be arbitrary. That's the opposite, the polar opposite of social justice, of social exchange. We rid ourselves of arbitrariness and create rules that we apply fairly. In so doing, we create meaningful freedom, and to me the most horrific and appropriate and adequate punishment, therefore, is the end of freedom, the denial of freedom. Now some people say, gosh, you know what, 30 years in a penitentiary with TV and a weight room and three squares and medical treatment isn't enough punishment. I say it's exactly the right punishment. That is a horrific punishment. Why? Because it goes past...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...biology, of whether you have a heartbeat, and to the essence of what we do every day which is to decide who we are, what we are, and how we will spend our time, in what pattern we will live, what our family members will be, where we will go, what we will choose as a career, how we will spend every waking moment, and when we choose to lay down and go to sleep. Freedom is the essence of humanness and jail is the denial of that. Slavery is the denial of that. Slavery is an ultimate human sin, not death; slavery. Why? Because it is the creation by law of the end of the freedom. Freedom is too valuable, too precious to be denigrated in this notion that says taking life is adequate punishment and denying freedom is somehow inadequate punishment. The denial of freedom is at the essence of humanness, and it is at the essence of the social exchange because this is what we give each other, freedom.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: Life comes to us from another source, but it is society that creates freedom and the denial is an appropriate and horrific, horrific punishment.