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the chances are slim to abolish the death penalty in the state of Nebraska. I don't think the impact is going to be very significant at all about this two-year moratorium. But, but, if the study produces solid, concrete information that perhaps we do not impose the death penalty fairly, if it does reveal that our laws and our procedures are lacking, then there might be that opportunity for those who have always been against the death penalty to abolish it. And at that point, should that eventuality occur, would not those who believe in law and justice want to know those facts? The debate is shifting again towards right or wrong, or your opinions of the death penalty, or the popularity of it, let's take a poll, we have a president that does that. You can follow that type of government lead. I don't...I've never seen a poll in Nebraska that said, if you think...if the death penalty was proved to be unfair, improperly administered, unevenly administered, disproportionately administered, would you think that we ought to preserve that system as it exists? I don't think there's 74 percent that said yes. I think 74 percent of Nebraskans said, yeah, I think the death penalty is a just punishment. What question are we asking? All we're talking about is a two-year moratorium and a study. What or where...you know, I don't think that that study probably will lead to the abolition of the death penalty, but it might. And, if it does that, shouldn't we take a look at it? So, when I hear again and again the same argument about...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...whether the death penalty is right or wrong, that's not what we're talking about here. That bill, in effect, has already been killed by the Judiciary Committee. One comment regarding whether Johanns will veto it, he said, I believe, I remember him saying I'm going to veto...I would veto 76. Frankly, the Judiciary Committee beat him to the punch. That bill, once the committee amendments are adopted, will no longer exist. And I'm not sure if anyone can predict what our Governor will do regarding a study. I'm not sure if our Governor is afraid of the facts. I'm not sure if our Governor is afraid of the truth. And I'm not sure our Governor would not let this become law. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator