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these arguments and advanced this, and I'm approaching it that we're in approximately the same situation this evening. But I'm going to argue for the position of advancement, because my experience has been that people are beginning to understand how we separate out the difference between believing in the death penalty but not wanting it done in a way that does not honor and uphold the law. I don't intend, in the course of this debate at Select File, to review any of the cases. I think we...the record is replete with instances in which, for whatever reason, prosecutorial discretion, a desire not to spend the same amount of money that a capital prosecution would require, to get an easy plea bargain, to avoid the length of a trial, to unclog a court docket, whatever the reason is. And I'm not even suggesting those aren't legitimate prosecutorial reasons. But we say in our statutes that we're concerned about fairness and equality and...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...scrupulously applied justice all across this state for similar...for criminal actions in similar circumstance. And that's what this discussion is about. I want to briefly tell you that it's a red herring that we're doing something. So this is...we...this is only the first step of a journey, I want to admit that. And I'll cover it in my next opportunity to speak. This is the first step of a journey, but this is not a repeal, no. This is not anything but a two year moratorium and a study and have the facts and the data come back to us, and we will have to do our duty and deal with whatever this study reveals. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I turned my light on, not knowing for sure what I was going to say, but knowing that I needed to try to get some things off of my chest. I'm one who has...was probably raised for many, many years, if a poll was taken, do you support the death penalty, do you not support it, I would have fallen into the column of supporting. And my position on this doesn't necessarily mean that I don't support it, but I need to explain, I think, what's going on with my