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thought process. Since I've been here seven years, we've not discussed the death penalty. And each year, if there would be a bill introduced, for some reason I would find myself hoping the bill didn't come out of committee, hoping that we wouldn't have to discuss it. And I wasn't quite sure why I felt that way. I...and as this bill came out of committee, I tried to examine my thoughts and why...why did I wish that a bill wasn't coming out of committee? And after some discussion on General File, and after offering an amendment to shorten the moratorium to two years, I think I began to understand my own thoughts on the process, and I need to explain that to you or try to at least. I think that I have, in the back of my mind, always had questions about not the...not that someone didn't deserve the death penalty, but I had questions about the fairness of the death penalty. Realizing, as at some points in my career as a lawyer I was defending people for a few years, and then prosecuting people for more years after that, realizing that the quality of legal counsel and the money that's available to hire legal counsel can have a bearing on an outcome of a case. Realizing that there are lots of variables that go into the outcome of such a case, and again those that get the death penalty, not arguing that, in a sense, that Senator Bruning is talking about, that it's not deserved, but that's not...that's not what it's all about. I think that when this bill hit the floor, and after hearing some discussion on General File that within myself I feel I'm going to feel better after examining the application of the death penalty, regardless of the outcome of that examination. I'm going to feel, I hope, at a greater...I'm going to have a greater level of comfort with my position after an in depth examination of the application of the death penalty. Now the death penalty, probably everyone on this floor would agree, has not been terribly effective in terms of the way it's perceived, it's not carried out promptly, it's not carried out very often, but when it is carried out there's an awful lot of anguish, there's a lot of people who are...who suffer inwardly because it's carried out. And I think this affords us an opportunity, not only for justice, as Senator Brashear would say, and not only for some of the arguments that Senator Brashear...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.