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tied to LB 880. That's the underlying premise. When I'm off the microphone, I'll get you a copy of this.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I...I think I need to read it. I don't quite understand what it means altogether I think. Thank you.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Continued discussion, Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. I beg your pardon for not paying attention. Just very quickly, I am going to support the A bill and the study because, in an informal discussion yesterday, I talked to 25 people or more and asked their opinion of this and, even the ones who were for the death penalty, thought that the study ought to be made, so...and when you look at the Blue Book, if you have your Blue Book, and look at the people who are on the Crime Commission, they're all highly qualified to take on a study of this kind, and I think when you look at the charge and the mission of the Crime Commission that the study...that they are...that that's within their scope and within their perspective. So, from that point of view, I'm going to support the A bill, the override of the A bill. But, very quickly, I'll sum up. I do want to remind you this bill was not the bill that I...nobody pays any attention to the fact that my name's on this bill. Senator Chambers and I are the only two people on this bill, on the original bill. But that bill was to eliminate the death penalty and institute a life sentence with no parole. Even then I have some doubts because, as I've said before, the Pardons Board can overcome that. But for me, it's always a life issue. I'm not going to go through all my reasons on the life issue, but the other two things I want to say, all across the country people are watching Nebraska. I have gotten clippings from a San Francisco newspaper, from the Spokane newspaper, New York City, Denver, from friends who have been paying...and family who have been paying attention to this business of the moratorium. Even my six-year-old grandson in Idaho was pleased that his grandmother voted for the moratorium bill. At that age even he's paying attention, and that's one thing. Senator Brashear said something earlier, don't ever underestimate the power and