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into law it gave a very narrow time frame during which any inmate who wanted to raise that issue had to do so. The only one who raised it was the one that I frankly mentioned during debate would likely come under it. That was Clarence Victor, and the court agreed he did fall under the criteria of that bill, he was indeed mentally retarded, and he was plucked from death row. And the Attorney General, who was criticizing the bill because he said there would be years of appeals, is the only one who has offered an appeal in this case and that's because he said, in a letter to the Public Pulse, he wants to put this retarded man back on death row. He wants the state to execute him after having suggested to the Legislature that the state wouldn't do it under the current death penalty law even without the change. So here is a man who has shown not only will he politicize the office but he will use and misuse a request by a member of the Legislature for his own political purposes. He had tried to frighten the senators who may believe in a death penalty, and that's not what I'm discussing now, whether you believe in it or not, that if that proposal were enacted into law that Nebraska could not effectively carry out another execution in this state. And in the handout I gave you, eight months after he made that definite and strong assertion, Robert Williams in fact was executed in this state. He makes statements that are not based on the law. They are purely political ideas and attitudes. When somebody shows so starkly and graphically how the office can be politicized, how can people be persuaded simply because the Governor says it has worked? Is that kind of action what he means...what he means by "it has worked"? I passed around the statutes giving you an idea of the types of duties and powers of the Attorney General, to show that they are different from those of any other official in this state. That does not exclude the Governor, members of the Legislature,...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...even judges. So, with all of those considerations, what I'm asking is that this bill be viewed for what it is--something that is not earthshaking; something which had broad, overwhelming, in fact, support by the Legislature. It is a policy decision that the Legislature felt should be made and I'm simply asking that, as a Legislature, we hold to that