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killed, is that correct?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there was a lot of coverage in the newspapers and on television, almost every hour of the day that the news actually came on during that period. Are you aware of that kind of saturation coverage of the incident?

SENATOR BRUNING: Oh, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Are you aware that in this case the prosecutors arrested and charged the wrong people, initially?

SENATOR BRUNING: Absolutely, and it made me sick. I was very aware of it. As I mentioned, Senator Chambers, I was at Deputy Dodge's funeral in 1987, so I've been aware of this problem for ten years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm not challenging what you said about Deputy Dodge. I'm talking about the fact that the Jimmy Wilson, Jr. killing was a political precipitating event for this bill. Now, I'm going to ask you another question. Would those people who were charged with killing Officer Wilson be charged with first degree murder, as in fact they were?

SENATOR BRUNING: Certainly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if a person is convicted of first degree murder in this state, aren't there only two possible punishments, one of which is death?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if anybody is convicted of first degree murder, whether of a police officer or anybody else, that person is subject to the death penalty right now, isn't that true?

SENATOR BRUNING: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the people who would kill a police officer right now would be subject to the death penalty, isn't