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are going to have a discussion, whether it be extended or not involving this subject, then it is important that we maintain focus. This bill is not about one step down some sort of a perceived or imagined slippery slope about repealing the death penalty. This bill is about the statutes of the state of Nebraska the way they read tonight as we sit here in this Chamber doing our duty to uphold the law and to promote justice. I am going to review 29-2521.01, because I think we take it too lightly. This Legislature has made the law of this state the following: the Legislature finds that life is the most valuable asset...pardon me, most valuable possession of a human being, and before taking it the state should apply and follow the most scrupulous standards of fairness and uniformity. That is the first finding by this body on behalf of the people to be the law of this state, The second finding is that the death penalty, because of its enormity and finality, and I'll ad lib, not like a traffic ticket, the death penalty, because of its enormity and its finality, should never be imposed arbitrarily, nor as a result of local prejudice or public hysteria. Second finding by this body on behalf of the people of the state of Nebraska, and it is the law. Do we mean it? The third finding, state law should be applied uniformly throughout the state. And since the death penalty is a statewide law, an offense which would not result in a death sentence in one portion of the state should not result in death in a different portion, it's the law. Do we mean it? Fourth finding, charges resulting from the same or similar circumstances have, in the past, not been uniform and have produced radically differing results. That's what this body, on behalf of the people, in the exercise of its duty has said is the law, and it's written in the books. Do we mean it? Are we going to uphold it? The fifth finding, in order to compensate for the lack of uniformity in charges which are filed as a result of similar circumstances, it is necessary for the Supreme Court to review and analyze all criminal homicides committed under the existing law, in order to ensure that each case...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: ...produces a result similar to that arrived at in other cases with the same or similar circumstances. So those are the five findings of this body on behalf of the