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LB 76
LR 243-256

SENATOR BROMM: ...makes, but it's...I think it's good for ourselves, it's good for the people of Nebraska if we take this opportunity to examine it. Now why should we have a moratorium while we're examining it? There have been lots of studies on the death penalty, just as Senator Bruning has pointed out. I think the addition of the study with the moratorium adds a sense of urgency, a sense of importance, and a sense of seriousness to the action that we're taking. And in order to get to a resolution, which will probably be a resolution that will last for quite some time, the policy that we make as a result of that study, I think that moratorium will help us give it the emphasis and importance and seriousness that it deserves. Now that is why I think, on General File, that I felt better...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...about supporting advancement of the bill and the shortening of the moratorium.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (LR 243-256 read by title for the first time.) Those are all study resolutions, all will be referred to the Executive Board. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 2118-2124.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Continued discussion on the bracket motion to LB 76, Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Bromm, did you need any time to complete your thought? Did you need any of my time to...it seems like you ran out of time a little bit. I'll let you have a minute or two, if you'd like.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. I feel comfortable with this because, during this period of time, society will be just as protected as it has been in the last several years. I see no risk to society by taking this action. If, in fact, the death penalty has been applied fairly and appropriately, it will