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rates of capital crimes. Sellin also used the data collected by Robert H. Dann in Dann's study of the homicide rate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for sixty day periods, preceding and following five highly publicized executions there. The purpose was to determine the deterrent effect of executions on murder rates in those communities where the crime occurred and the punishment inflicted. Mr. Dann's data showed ninety-one homicides occurred in the before execution periods and one hundred and thirteen in the after periods. Sellin concluded that the deterrent effect of capital punishment is no greater in those communities where executions take place than in other communities.

SENATOR MARSH: One minute.

SENATOR DWORAK: Professor William Bowers study, Executions in America, reprinted in the New York Times concluded that the death penalty as we use it exerts no influence on the extent or rate of capital offenses. Most recent statistical study compiled by Brien Forst, a senior research analyst, concluded no connection between capital punishment and the murder rate whatsoever. Study after study after study indicates that there is no statistical proof or evidence that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime. If it is not a deterrent to crime and if we can protect the safety of society through imprisonment and if prison officials tell us that it is not a tool necessary for prison management, then I ask you in your minds and your hearts this morning to tell me, to tell yourself, to tell the people of Nebraska why the death penalty.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I have been down here five years and every year when we have the testimony about the death penalty people come to us, ministers, laymen and say, yes, the death penalty is a deterrent. In the same hearing other people come and say, no, the death penalty is not a deterrent. Here are the facts. Here are studies. Here are professors, criminologists, religions, denominations saying, yes, it is, saying, no, it isn't. So what it boils down to is what do you think in your own mind whether it is or isn't a deterrent. I happen to believe that it is somewhat of a deterrent and the only way you can decide for yourself is what your attitude was when you were young. Did it deter you somewhat to know that there were law enforcement agencies in existence, that if you disobeyed the law those forces would come into play? This does not only appear in