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that person, who is now out of prison, would start voting, would start being part of the community. This is a democracy, and I would like for him to be a part of it. I am quite sure he will not. I expect him to reoffend. That is very painful. But as a victim of his act, I affirm that we should be pushing him to vote, that we should be affirming the base that we are a democracy, that we must make sure that everything that we do encourages a person like him to get back into the community, back into his family, and back with us in the actions of our state. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Further discussion on the advancement of LB 53. There are no lights on. Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 53.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. And thank you, Senator Kruse, for your thoughtful remarks on this issue. And I need to say to Senator Smith, I was teasing. I mean, I think you know me well enough to know that that's what it was. So I am sorry if I caused any bent feelings on your part. But I see you smiling over there, so I think we're okay. I think the discussion has been good, as Senator Kruse said. I would simply ask for your vote on the bill. And I would ask for a call of the house, please, Mr. President, and a machine vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; those opposed, nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 23 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH: I'd like to request a roll call vote in reverse order.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. The house is under