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thing, et cetera. But to me, this is not what we're talking about. It seems to me what we're doing here is fixing one problem, and I think perhaps what you are suggesting, that maybe we are behind...

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: One minute.

SENATOR JOHNSON: ...in fixing the other problems. And so that this bill isn't the problem. We need to restore these people to active citizenship. But do we need to reexamine the problems that you're citing? Should we make it so that we don't have these drunk drivers continually getting on the road? They do it very well in Scandinavia. Maybe we ought to think of that type of solution. But I think this is the wrong solution for this problem. I think we need to attack each problem separately. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Kopplin.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a quick word on mandatory discharges of felonies. This comes from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In 2000, there was 1,073 mandatory discharges, 43 of them came from Sarpy County; 2001, 1,234 discharges, 38 from my county; 2002, 1,267 discharges, 58 came from my county; 2003, there was 1,325 discharges, 63 from my county; and in 2004, 1,125 mandatory discharges, 43 from Sarpy County. The percentage of homicides in Nebraska is 1.6 percent. People, these are not murderers and mass murderers and killers running around the streets that we're letting out of prison. These are good people that made a mistake, and it's time they get their voting rights back. I also would like to say that I don't really consider this body political, and that's okay. But if being political is caring about people and caring about what happens to people, then I'm proud to be a Democrat. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. And I will be brief. But I want to emphasize the fact that if we were all about civil rights movements, we would be attempting to restore more civil