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somebody may have hit another person in the head with a hammer. There are people who committed acts of domestic violence, all kinds of things, under the statutes of this state, are felonies. A lot of young people wind up convicted of felonies. And that albatross is around their neck for the rest of their life. Businesses ask the question, have you been convicted of a felony, in some cases; others, have you been convicted of a crime; still others, have you ever been arrested; narrowing the opportunities for a person to be a productive citizen. If you take away every legitimate means of making an honest living, a person is going to live. Even Kruschew, when he was explaining why Francis Gary Powers did not bite into that poison capsule and kill himself when his U-2 was shot down over Russia, he explained it, living things want to go on living. People want to make a living. If they cannot make an honest living, they're going to live somehow. They become a slyboots, a thief, a robber, a burglar. They're going to take what they need. What we are doing here is not taking away the fact that a felony was committed. This does not expunge any record. Whatever purpose a felony could be used for to disadvantage the one who had committed it is still available. All this does is to give the opportunity to people to vote. Some, because of their age, meaning their youth, never cast a vote in their life. It should not be a situation where, in America, a person could spend his entire life, her entire life, never having voted, desiring to vote, but being denied that right. And it is a right. And I hope this bill will move forward. Thank you, Mr. President. I will not have anything further to say on the bill.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kruse, you're recognized.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I strongly support the bill. I think it is imperative that we get these persons, who have served their time in prison, back into society, back into the community, back into their families, in full activity. That's the handicap we have right now, because we make them less than a full citizen. They need to be a full citizen in order to move forward. I recognize the personal factors in there. I appreciate that. Many a time, when I have been going door to door, I have been followed out the door by a