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basic civil right. The courts have said it's a civil right. And we should be very careful about precluding people from being able to exercise that right to vote, as we've done in the past with certain groups of people, myself included, my gender included. You know, I think it's just...it's part of the idea of somebody being able to get back into the community and being a productive member of the community.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And...okay, thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

SENATOR SMITH: And I'm going to run out of time here. But I want us to be mindful of the fact that two years ago--and I'm not going to say the sky is falling if LB 53 passes. And I may even support it. I'm wrestling with that right now. But there is more and more speculation and even evidence of voter fraud. And two years ago in South Dakota, they...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...caught a person with over 1,000 forged absentee ballot requests. And I don't know the disposition of that case in South Dakota. But I believe that we need to be more and more mindful of voter fraud. As technology is opened up, we look at that. And when I, a couple of years ago, asked the question about voter fraud as it relates to the effort to restore voting rights, I was laughed at. And since that point, I think there is a little heightened awareness of voter fraud. There are accusations on both sides. John Kerry swears up and down that Ohio was in his column, and thinks that voters were disenfranchised there. But we don't need to get into that. But the fact is, I think we need to be more and more mindful of voter fraud, and I think that that should be included in LB 53, perhaps an amendment to exclude an offender...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: ...based on voter fraud. Thank you, Mr. President.