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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take much time on Senator Smith's amendment. I think it's totally inappropriate, based on what we're trying to do with the bill. I don't mean it's inappropriate for him to offer an amendment. Any amendment that a person wants to offer may be offered. But in view of the thrust of this bill, there is no need to allow Senator Smith or anybody else to start picking away and designating certain classifications and categories of people who cannot be given the restoration of what is a civil right. When a person...if a person is convicted...first of all, let me ask Senator Smith a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't want to presume anything.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, who has been convicted of election fraud, that you know of, in Nebraska?

SENATOR SMITH: I'm not aware of any, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, an amendment looking for a problem to mess with is a waste of our time, and it clutters the bill. Senator Smith made it clear yesterday his opposition to the bill. He has some political opposition to existing statutes, such as Motor Voter registration, as they call it. And his party is interested in restricting the franchise as much as it possibly can. So in order not to get us bogged down on a side issue, I just want to make it clear that I'm opposed to his amendment. Then, after we deal with his next one, which is to raise the bar from two years to five years--and I will oppose that--we can get back to the bill itself. And at that point, I will discuss a memo that one of the employees of the Attorney General wrote to the Attorney General, which says, in effect, that arguments exist, based on Nebraska Supreme Court decisions, that this bill is