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don't think, if we're going to do something like this, that just voter fraud could go the difference. I guess the problem I have with what we're doing here today is, if somebody steals a truckload of corn someplace, and that's a felony, and they serve their time and do whatever they're supposed to do and jump through the hoops, then they get the right to vote; if somebody goes over there and tosses somebody off of a grain elevator and they kill them, and they serve their time, and probably get to parole after a period of time, they still have the right to vote. So I guess what looks like to me, where we already have something in place to take care of people that want to restore their rights to vote, it looks like, to me, as a Legislature, what we're sending out is the fact that all felons are created equal. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. On with discussion. Senator Smith, on AM0330.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Yesterday in the discussion we heard that there is a penalty, a sentence, following a conviction, and once that sentence is completed, everything is back to normal, everything should be back to normal. We seem to forget that there are some victims to crime, and those victims have scars that go far beyond the end of the sentence of that felon. This is aside from voter fraud. These are different issues. These are violent crimes. And for us to have this highest priority of restoring voting rights to rapists and murderers, I have a problem with. This is very reasonable, to say that it's relevant to the voter fraud issue, this amendment. And I would urge its adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Kopplin, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR KOPPLIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I very much support LB 53, but I am having trouble with both amendments. It seems we are so eager to punish, we will use the death penalty in spite of the fact that it costs two or three times as much as life without parole. We'll build new jails to put in nonviolent offenders and pay for their families, when we could just as easily use other methods of