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punishment, and keep them in the workforce. This amendment, the latest amendment, seeks to add another type of punishment to that already ordered by the courts and completed by the felon. We could go on and on by adding more and more reasons that we shouldn't do this. My personal feeling is that we need to kill this amendment and the second amendment. And when sentences are completed, they are done, and we welcome back the felons to our life, which includes voting. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. (Doctor of the day introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Smith, there are no senators wishing to speak. You're recognized to close on your amendment, AM0330, to the Government Committee amendments.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'll reiterate the fact that this amendment simply excludes those who commit voter fraud from being included in the automatic--emphasis, automatic--restoration of voting rights upon the completion of their sentence. I urge its favorable adoption. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. You've heard the closing on AM0330, which is an amendment to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments to LB 53. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on the Smith amendment to the committee amendments. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 8 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment was not adopted. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend with AM0328. (Legislative Journal pages 461-462.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on AM0328 to the committee amendments.