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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Redfield, on the Smith amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I supported the last amendment. Actually, I was one of very few that supported that, mainly because we were talking about a provision that is automatic, and I can guarantee you that a bank would not automatically rehire someone who had embezzled funds, and they would look at the crime, and see how pertinent it was to the actual activity that they were being hired to perform. And voting and voter fraud, I thought, were connected. Having said that, I would also say I'm not going to support this amendment, because I don't believe our discussion has really focused on where it needs to within this bill. I would agree with Senator Landis' discussion, Senator Loudon's discussion on what the crimes actually were. I think that most of us have been young and foolish, and sometimes we have been older and foolish, and we have made mistakes. And I don't think that we want to pay for those forever. If we have someone who has committed a felony for a nonviolent crime, I would be absolutely in support with the original intent of the bill to automatically restore those voting rights as soon as their penalty had been paid. I don't think even in those cases we should wait two years. At the same time, I do believe that there are crimes of such a nature, or there are repetitive crimes where there have been repeated felonies, that I am not comfortable with a two-year period of automatic restoration. So I'm hoping that during the discussion of the bill, we will focus on that direction. Because I don't think the automatic time frame is the issue. It may be the nature of the crime, and whether it was a one-time event or whether it is a pattern of commonality, a pattern of repetition. Thank you, Mr. Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. Senator Smith, there are no lights on. You're recognized to close on AM0328.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Very briefly, in case you weren't already aware, this extends the waiting period in the committee amendments of two years to five years. Very straightforward. I encourage its adoption. Thank you.