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were over in Iraq fighting for the right to vote for the people who live in Iraq, then we should also be concerned about the people in this country who are not allowed to vote, as people in other nations are. And I won't reiterate all the information about other states and what they do, except to say that Nebraska is among the bottom six states in restoration of rights to vote. I would ask that the bracket motion be defeated. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have worked with people in trouble with the law for over 36 years of my life. The people that Senator Foley is talking about, the ones that have no remorse, the ones that jam their time, and the people that walk out of these places with a lot of anger, I can guarantee you aren't going to rush to the election commissioner's office and sign up to vote. The ones that will are the ones who want to be part of this country and part of this state, and want their privileges back. They've worked hard to get them. We've put in a buffer of two years here, that I think is ample time to give a person a little idea of what they've lost other than this. Most of these people do not, let me tell you, do not commit their crime and worry about jail, let alone losing their voting privileges. The ones who want their voting privileges want them as much as any one of us in this room, and have done what they can to get them back. The thing that bothers me the most in our society, as we have such a Christian society today, is that when we hold on to old things like this, we're holding on to this business of not being able to forgive. If we've got a real Christian background and we know a little bit about the history of this man who came to our earth, and why he came here, it was for forgiveness. Why can't we give this little bit of forgiveness for somebody who really wants it, and let them join us, also sinners, in being able to pick the people who represent us and govern us? Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the body. I rose to speak against this bill earlier on in some of