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Association, the League of Women Voters, the Ford-Carter Commission in '96, all of these groups and many more are...support the idea of the restoration. Finally, and I know that this may be something that's on at least a few minds in here, is the constitutionality question. And that's been raised in connection with this bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: In other words, why aren't we trying to adopt a constitutional amendment? Why do we think we can do it by legislation? And I can see that I'm going to run out of time, Mr. President, so I think I will turn my light back on and get to that in a minute. I'm also going to hand out, to refresh your memories, a handout that will show you what other states are doing. Nebraska is really the most regressive in its policies of most of the states in the United States regarding the ten-year wait. And what that ten-year wait means for most ex-felons is that they never do get the right to vote. So I would ask for you to thoughtfully consider the override, and I would be happy to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. You've heard the opening on the motion to override. (Visitors introduced.) Those wishing to speak to the motion to override are Senators Brashear, Brown, Kruse, Foley, Smith and five others. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. And unless engaged by one of you, I will only speak once. I wanted to speak early. I thank Senator Schimek for all of her work on this bill, and having done that, as we so often do in politics, now I respectfully disagree with her. I do not think there is a debate to be had. I do not think we need a great debate. I think the time has come to do our duty as we see it. The Governor has done his. I respect that. And this is not about the Governor. He's acted, that's over. The fact is that we had what...a debate that I would commend the body for on this bill. We thoroughly engaged in the process. It was informative, it was civil, it was elucidating. We acted, we