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Chamber not very long ago about restoring voting rights to those who had served their prescribed time plus two years. Who led the discussion against letting people vote? Might ask you, how did you vote?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Time.

SENATOR JOHNSON: I will continue at another time. Thank you, sir.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I support the Chambers amendment. I really don't think any more studies are going to make any difference, even though I respect Senator Jensen in wanting to get all the information. The fact is that there is a lot of research on whether it's a good idea or not a good idea for a helmet law. There is peer review of that research. There are compilations of the research, reviewed by researchers. It's out there. I think if you went to any person--maybe there are a few supporting this bill who wouldn't agree--and said, so, if people have to wear helmets, and they land on the ground with the helmet, are they less likely to have a head injury that will result in a trip to the hospital or emergency room that are going to...might result in long-term care, I mean, there's nothing to argue about. We...if we do the research, actually I think Senator Smith is in a worse spot than if he...than he is today, by having a legislative study with the scientific evidence. It's not going to be there. So I really don't care about the study one way or the other. But Senator Chambers' amendment says, is, we should have just the one-month thing, which is Senator Jensen's offer of a compromise, which some of us are going to have a lot of trouble with. But I guess as a compromise, so be it. And I agree entirely with Senator Smith--you can't do research on one month of statistics. In fact, you need the research that's already out there. And so I agree. I don't see that that would be pertinent. And if he wants to say, if this amendment isn't adopted, and for the legislative intent of this, from what's been said on the floor, I don't see that this is part of what the study is doing. The study is using the research that's out