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simple-minded. They don't read bills, they don't know. But the Governor won't have that excuse. The Governor knew that he was creating problems for law enforcement, and he signed it? Why, what kind of nonsense is that?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He vetoed the bill...oh.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Governor vetoed the bill that would allow people who had committed felonies and served their time to vote after their debt to society had been paid for a period of two years. He vetoed that. And he's going to sign something like this? I...if I were a reporter, I would be praying, and if I believed in fasting, I'd be fasting and praying. I'd wear a hairshirt. I would get a scourge and whip myself with it, if that would persuade whatever God Senator...Governor Heineman believes in to get him to sign this, if it gets to his desk, so that I could grill him. Mr. Governor, are you aware that under this law, it's better for your head to have no helmet than for your helmet to have no visor? Are you aware of that, Governor? Well, I don't want to talk about that. You can say that's what it means if you want to. Oh, so you'd rather not answer that question? Then I'll proceed to the next on, Mr. Governor. But I'll just say this about that: wow, such logic. Mr. Governor, under this bill you signed, it's better to have no helmet at all than to have a helmet without a visor. Because if you don't have something on your eyes, even though you got the helmet, you'll draw the cop and be arrested. Well, the way you phrase that, it's hypothetical. But Governor, under the law that you signed, isn't that possible? Well, yes, it's possible, but I don't know if it will happen. So then when you signed it you didn't take into consideration the problems you could create for law enforcement, the confusion on the part of the public? You didn't consider that? And you want to be Governor again, against Tom "Knut Rockne" Osborne? Mr. Governor, I need you to help me out. What is the benefit to the state and its citizens for you to sign into law a bill that weakened a measure whose safety had been established? Well, what do you mean by