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don't vote for a lot of reasons, but it doesn't, I simply don't feel that we have the prerogative of commanding people to vote and the substance of the majority opinion in that Michigan court case was that it was declared unconstitutional on the basis that they were adding an additional requirement to the voter. In Michigan the voter is only required to be a certain age, and have a certain residence, in order to be a valid voter, by constitution. This is the same situation that we have in the state of Nebraska, those are the requirements for an eligible elector in the state of Nebraska, you must be of a certain age, and you must have a certain residency. There are no other qualifications. This one commands that in order to be a valid voter you must exercise the vote on some occasions and that's a requirement that's in addition to our constitution and we would have the same constitutional problems as the Michigan case did. The Michigan case doesn't turn on how many elections you didn't vote in, has nothing to do with how many elections you didn't vote in, it's a question of whether or not you want to impose that requirement and whether or not you can constitutionally impose the requirement that a person vote in order to retain his registration. I'd hope we haven't really confused the issue as between whether as a policy matter we want to force people to vote or lose their registration, whether we want to make that decision and impose that on them or whether we really want to approach the problem on the other hand in keeping voter lists current, and they are separate issues, and I don't think that they should be merged here, so I would oppose the amendment.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the Stromer amendment? Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: When I first became concerned about the effect that our purge law, it's on the books now, would have on Nebraska voters, my original thought was exactly the same as Senator Stromer's is now, that the way we could ameliorate the effects of this purge would be to give us a four year period in which to apply it. But the more I thought about this thing, the more I began to realize that the purge simply does not work no matter how you change the thing. One of Senator Stromer's concern was we needed some way of stopping voter fraud. This is the fatal weakness of, I think, of the purge system, even as Senator Stromer's amendment would apply a purge over a four year period. Even though a guy has moved out of his original voting precinct, if he returns to vote, he goes back to the old precinct in which he was registered in, and votes, he could do this all the rest of his life, even though he were ineligible voter and the purge would never catch him. I think this is a fatal weakness and I think this is one of the reasons why we should defeat this amendment. I also would like to re-emphasize what Senator Syas has said and this is that if you expand the purge to cover a four year period, you then are saying that persons have unequal opportunities that they must comply with in order to keep their voter registration current, so I oppose the amendment most strenuously. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the Stromer amendment? Senator Stromer do you care to close on your amendment? Senator Stromer is closing on his amendment.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President I would just like to say in closing that I think the, even the items that the opposition have brought to this amendment are merely adding to the strength to the fact that we do need something to provide a system which I think we have with the present law, and then also by meeting what could be possible court challenges, I think another factor maybe we need to also talk about are the areas of the state where there are greater percentages of voters who vote and participate in election, and this is in our rural areas, and so I think what we are actually maybe doing here are protecting some people who don't really care to go and vote, then the other issue or last question that was raised in the fact that this still doesn't catch the person