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register whenever it shall come to the attention of the election commissioner or County Clerk and I would feel that with this amendment in the law, that he would make it his business to, to have such things come to his attention, Senator Syas, if you have a way of amending this, I'd appreciate it.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: May I suggest that you just give this as one of his duties and say the County Clerk or Election Commissioner shall, the way I look at it, shall strike and give as a duty that he shall check and look over the list of the deceaseds in all available to the effect where they're carried and shall strike it from the election list. I haven't, it isn't very flowery the way I put it but the general intent, I figure you're, you're economics professor, you can put it in better language or take it to the bill drafter, the general, you know the general intent that I'm trying to put across. The bill drafter could put it in the right language.

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: We have before us the Whitney amendment. I did want to check with Senator Whitney and ask him a question. He seems to be deeply involved.

SPEAKER: Why don't you step over there. Why don't you stand by just a minute here. While we're standing by for a moment, I know that you would want to help us welcome this morning former Senator Lester Harsch and Mrs. Harsch. They are seated under the south balcony. Would they rise, back there and step forward, we'd like to recognize you? We're delighted to have you back to your old haunts. What was that sir? (inaudible) Oh, I'm sorry, former Senator Crandall, was it? Thank you sir. Also there, please consider the applause as extended to you, sir, we're delighted to have you also visiting here.

SENATOR DUIS: Now, if I might, Senator Whitney, I like your idea of the amendment, but I wanted to check with you and find out what method the County Clerk would have in knowing officially that a person had been deceased if the person had, had become deceased outside of the county or outside of the state where the death certificate might not have been registered. Now, could you in there some way, require that the State Health Department forward a copy of the death certificate or that a death certificate issued within the State of Nebraska would be forwarded to the county of origin?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Duis, yes, I would think that that could be done, however, I would feel that it might be a little difficult for us to require the State Health Departments of other states--

SENATOR DUIS: Well, the thing I'm getting at is--Senator Syas was mentioning about reading newspapers and I don't think that we can require any County Clerk to read all the newspapers to find out whether or not someone has become deceased. I think it would have to be some type of an official notification. Now I would presume that if the person becomes deceased within the county, that undoubtedly the county has some knowledge of it but if they don't, is there a way?

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Duis, I think you know about as much about that as I do. I do have a substitute amendment here which Senator Anderson and Senator Cavanaugh has, have recommended.