

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Nichol, of course it is. In many rural counties 85 percent of the registrations occurred in January because of the people who have three vehicles have elected to register those three vehicles and they've chosen the month of January as they could last year which was the first year it came on. Now the county treasurers say most of the registration will occur and is occurring in the month of January because most people out there have three vehicles, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then the County Treasurers Association has said that they wish to have this in some months other than January and February.

SENATOR MILLS: Well that was Senator Kelly's amendment. That was not mine. I can't speak for the county treasurers about that. The county treasurers said, originally, they would just as soon not have any option, but that puts such a hardship on those persons who have a number of vehicles. That was a compromise to come up with some type of option so that those persons having, as it is right now, five or more could elect to have them registered in January.

PRESIDENT: You have one minute, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: That is all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Merz.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a new motion. The motion is to return LB 123 to Select File for specific amendment. The specific amendment has been changed. It now reads to amend the Kelly amendment to strike "5" and insert "3". Signed, Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, could I just correct. The original amendment I sent up was to the original bill. After the Kelly amendment was adopted this was the appropriate way to address the same question. We're still talking three to five. The way I had it originally written, Vince, it could have wiped out Kelly's amendment, I assume, which is not my intent.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, again I would have to repeat, and I want to make this clear, the county treasurers would like to have no option. I think that you would be wrong in returning the bill to amend the Kelly motion. I think you would be wrong in accepting Senator Warner's amendment to LB 123. In fact, just this morning I got a call from a County Treasurer in southwestern Nebraska. The Southwestern Nebraska County Treasurers and County Officials met in North Platte last week and wholeheartedly endorsed having ten as the amount for the option. I think we ought to give them the benefit of the doubt and stay with five. I'd ask you to not accept the Warner motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.