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object to Senator Reutzel's amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, to correct the record, I don't believe, and if I did, I would like to retract the statement that no one appeared in opposition or in favor of this bill. There were individuals that did testify and I think that Senator Reutzel referred to Judge Reagan and indeed he was in agreement with the concept as was Ms. Hahn and also Mr. Boyle of Douglas County but they did have certain reservations and these reservations seems to be the amendments that we are considering at the present time. Because they had these reservations, the committee took these facts into consideration at the time that we advanced the bill to the floor and that is why the changes were made. So I did want to correct the record. If I inferred that no one was in favor of the proposal, I retract that. There were many there that agreed conceptually with what was being attempted but did not agree in totality with everything which was sought to be accomplished and, therefore, that was the reason for the changes that the committee made in advancing the bill to the floor. With reference to the age, the age change, we have now given up by offering this amendment reducing the age to eighteen and relying now on age nineteen. This I think is more acceptable to what we had at age eighteen but I still do not think that it changes the fact that considerable maturity is involved between that age nineteen and age twenty-one. If Senator Reutzel is here, I would ask that he respond to a question please. Senator Reutzel, since there are four individual amendments, would you have any objection to taking those on an individual basis for a division of the question rather than collectively because I think some I may be able to support and others in the body may also but not in totality?

SENATOR REUTZEL: If that is agreeable with Senator Landis, we both introduced the amendments. I have no objection.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, then Senator Cope, then Senator Kahle. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to address the merits of the Reutzel amendment and they are considerable. This amendment has as its final bottom line the opening of the jury selection process to