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selection process and that doesn't mean you're going to have a jury made up of 19 year olds, it means that they can at least be on the rolls that are selected once they have reached adulthood. So I urge adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Nebraska Unicameral. I rise in opposition to the DeCamp amendment, because of its correlation to LB 221 in raising the drinking age to 21, knowing that the argument is going to be as we move along through this Legislature, you're giving a 19 year old responsibility of voting on a murder case, but not giving him the responsibility to drink alcoholic beverages, and I think that this should not be a part of any such discussion whatsoever, but it will be, and mark my word, as we're talking about LB 234 in this DeCamp amendment of lowering the jury age to 19, it will not be separated from the alcohol question as Senator DeCamp would like to have it be. So, therefore, we should understand that lowering the age from 21 to 19 is going to have many repercussions across the hall in this Legislature. Now this is almost a reconsideration of what we did yesterday based on the Reutzel motion whereby we did not accept division number one of the Reutzel motion, and that sets us in a position that I would request of the President, is this or is this not a reconsideration? If it is, it should be laid over a day, Mr. President.

SENATOR DeCAMP: May I comment? Mr. President, may I comment a little on that?

PRESIDENT: Just a moment while the Chair, since the Chair was not presiding yesterday, I would like to...I'm being briefed by the Clerk, if you'll just wait a minute. The motion was to strike Committee amendments. The motion was to strike the Committee amendments notwithstanding what was in the Committee amendments. It is not at all a reconsideration of the same motion and I would overrule you Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you, Mr. President. Lowering the age to 19 for jury duty conforming to "a standard age for majority in Nebraska" should constitute on the same argument that we should raise the age for marriage from 17 to 19, Senator DeCamp. If this is the move of Senator DeCamp and the Legislature to have a standard conformed majority