

age then is there room on this bill to raise the marriage age to 19 as we lower the jury age to 19, and the answer is certainly, this is what we're going to do, then where is the bill? Where is the motion? Where is the impetus from the Nebraska Bar Association, from the Supreme Court or any other group that says that this is what we want to do. The group is Senator DeCamp, and believe me he is a group. I've handled him before. He's like a wildcat. But please remember that when you lower the age for the jury to 19, the argument's going to come back if you're old enough to be on the jury at 19, you should be old enough to drink alcoholic beverage at 19, and on that basis, and on that basis strictly I vote against DeCamp's amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have to tell Senator Kelly that I think his argument lacked merit this morning. He knows how strongly I'm in favor of his bill to raise the drinking age not just to 21 but to 100 if that were possible. So we have no difference on that particular issue. We're talking now, Senator Kelly, about how you acquire jurors. According to the standards of this country, although we know they are regarded in the breach more than in the observance, you are to be tried by a jury of your peers. I think the age of a juror ought to be the same age, the beginning age at which a person can be charged with an offense that will bring him or her before a jury. How can you obtain a jury of peers, if those who are to be charged have no opportunity of having people of their age on the jury? But I'm saying we state all these things, but they don't have any meaning, they don't have validity, they have a nice ring to them, but the ring to my ear is hollow. And as on so many issues, I'm speaking to vindicate my own intelligence, my principles and my beliefs, not trying to change the mind of those in the Legislature. But another day will come when the things we say on this floor will be reviewed by people to try to get a fix on what made this Legislature tick. Why did we take certain positions in one area, and different positions in another? We all know that there are differing ages at which certain people or groups of people are allowed to do some things... marriage, obtain an abortion with or without the consent or consultation of a parent, and by the way, bulletin... bulletin... an action is being filed this morning in Federal District Court against LB 316, the recently passed abortion bill. I thought I should let you know that. You're going