

judgment by peers, it is the way in which peers are brought into the administration of justice and to participate as they have here with the open public meetings and the hearings that they have with the elections of representatives, jury duty is that citizen input that teaches the juror, and it also benefits the system as a whole. I support Senator DeCamp in this motion, and I hope this body will pass it, not only because there is a hidden constitutional issue involved, but moreso because there is an overall educational value to jury duty that should be extended to young people as well.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in opposition to the proposed change, which is offered by Senator DeCamp, and I have expressed this earlier so I don't think that there is a great deal of reason for me to reiterate my speech that I have given formerly, but I do think that there is a great deal of maturation that takes place between age 19 and age 21. Now, if you'll stop to consider there are, and I'm sure there are a distinct minority, but there are still 19 year olds that may be seniors in high school, and I would question whether or not these individuals have the capabilities and abilities at this point in time in their life to reach some of the important decisions that must be rendered as far as judgments with reference to jury trials. Additionally, I think when they're given an opportunity for that additional two years of knowledge and growth, whether they have decided to continue in postsecondary education, or to join the work force, there is a tremendous amount that they gain, and I think this is very beneficial, and I would advise that I think we should consider this, knowing that here in the state of Nebraska we really have no uniform age of majority. Jury selection, jury service, is a very serious and important issue, and I feel that an individual that has attained age 21 with experience and knowledge gained, will be able to provide a much better service than those that are younger. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Newell moves to amend the DeCamp amendment by striking "19" and inserting "age of majority".

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I offer this amendment, which I'm not trying to fool any-