

body, age of majority right now is 19, and that's what the bill says. But what I'm proposing here, since I've heard a lot of debate about what is the age of majority and what is the age of maturity and what is the age of rights, and what is the age of reason and what is the age of this and what is the age of that, you know I felt that if this is tremendous debate on 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 74, 96 and all those various numbers, which deal with the chronological age of an individual, that I think we ought to have, and we probably will have some debate on what's the proper age of majority some day in the near future, and I'd like this section to move with that age of majority. If we determine that the age of majority is 21, or if we determine the age of majority is 37, or if we determine the age of majority is 97, I think it ought to change with that...this section of law should change with that same thing. We have determined in the state of Nebraska that the age of majority is 19. It is 19. Now the problem, and I've heard many arguments saying sometimes at 19 you're not very mature, and that's true, and if I understand the jury selection process, what happens in that situation is the lawyer is the prosecutor and the defenders they have the right to strike. They have the right to say this person I think is immature, this person is in high school, Senator Stoney, and therefore, you know, ought not be able to serve. That can be an exemption. That can be one of those reasons why a person is exempted from serving on jury duty. You know, there's a whole lot of baloney issues, and I think exactly that that's the way you ought to call them, baloney issues. As long as the state says, we as a Legislature have said that the age of majority is 19, we ought not play another separate game, and that separate game being a game of agism, the same sort of agism that has forced members of this Legislature to offer bills that would change the retirement age to 70 instead of 65, the same sort of agism that's being acted on in a reverse order. I don't understand exactly what this trend is. It starts with some bills like 221, and it works through all these other things. But I think that if we're going to change the age of majority, we ought to change the age of majority, and we ought not have separate standards and separate bills, and for that reason I support this, which in effect, does the same thing as Senator DeCamp's bill, and if we ever change the age of majority because we as a body think that 21 is, in fact, much preferable as an age of majority, then 19, or 20, or 17, or whatever it might be, then that will change also with it. Presently the law says 19. That's what this bill should say. If we ever change that