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issue we should change the whole thing. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Now, we've had a series of people wanting to speak on the DeCamp motion. I'm going to call upon you and you can react as to whether you want to speak to the amendment to the DeCamp amendment. Starting with Senator Reutzel, do you wish to address yourself to the amendment to the amendment? Senator Reutzel?

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise in support of the Newell amendment. I think we're getting to the heart of the problem right now. I would like to say this did not come by way of Senator DeCamp. It's not something that came out of the blue on his amendment and subsequently Senator Newell. There are several people in the hearings that testified for a uniform age majority, and the County Attorney's Association was one of them, Mr. Mike Whetstone. What I really object to is Senator Kelly injecting LB 221 into this debate. He's infusing...he's trying to confuse the issue, and he's infusing emotions on a separate bill, which is not germane into this debate and he's prefacing his vote on 234, because of his emotions on 221. They are separate bills. Now, if I were an attorney, and you all were the jury, I would ask that Senator Kelly's remarks be stricken from the record, and that underpaid judge would have no way but to agree with me, and have those remarks stricken, and I would ask you to so do that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and fellow colleagues, we stood up here the other day and we said to be a judge you have to be 35 years old, and the reason you have to be 35 years old is because you need the experience. Now serving on jury duty to me is pretty serious. It shouldn't be a learning process. It's far too serious for someone to serve on a jury to get an education. So I rise to oppose both of the amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte. Is Senator Venditte in the chamber? The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, and I hate to get involved with the lawyers who are so eloquent and speak so clearly, but I admired what my good friend Senator Landis said about a man assuming his responsibility, or a man or a woman assuming his responsibility to the government of