

can to go out and pick up the licenses of people who are illegally driving the streets without carrying adequate insurance. Senator Johnson added an amendment to a bill last year on the floor which we debated in detail to insert this provision and I think it would be a mistake to remove it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Fenger, do you wish to comment on the Johnson amendment?

SENATOR FENGER: I do, Mr. Speaker, please.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR FENGER: I think it is important that every Senator representing rural interests pay a little attention to this bill. I am sure that your county, like our counties in the urban areas, are somewhat strapped financially under the lids imposed and I looked long and hard at this when I inserted it. I still believe it belongs there. If my colleagues feel that the problem that they are trying to address by amendment is a problem, then let's approach it from the proper angle but I submit to you that without removing this language you are giving every county sheriff in the State of Nebraska an excuse, and perhaps a legal excuse, to be slow or to be nonexistent to the needs of your area under the threat of recall because he has to devote too much of his time to the picking up of drivers licenses and I merely submit to you that that was not the intent of the organization of the county sheriffs offices. Now twenty-eight years ago when we started picking up licenses, the State of Nebraska assigned a division and assigned full time individuals. I, frankly, don't know when and how that was changed but I feel strongly that Senator Hoagland and Senator Johnson have a point. I admit they have a problem but I submit to you that adopting this amendment is the wrong answer. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion before the House is the Johnson amendment to LB 174E. Now, Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to that particular amendment? We have to dispose of this amendment first before we go on to the next item.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Directly to the amendment, very briefly, very specifically, I agree with Senator Fenger totally. To make a sheriff subject to removal from office on something like this is the height of capriciousness and exorbitant penalties. It also gives the possibility of mischief. In other words, somebody wants to get the sheriff or something, they raise the issue, "Well, he didn't go out and get Johnnie Jones' license and Johnnie Jones was in town for two days and