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a public hearing on the idea which there wasn't the case in the original amendment as proposed on this bill. So I think perhaps if you adopt the amendment and it is referred to a hearing, we will get a chance for the public to comment on it and then we can decide further what to do with the bill. So I would support the amendment at this point just to open it up for discussion and then send it back to committee and hear what the people have to say about it.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I find it rather disheartening to think that I am going to lose the number that I have had for the last 42 years, and I think I have built a reputation around that number because it has been on the wanted list very often. I do see that there is a problem perhaps in the larger counties, but again Nebraska is a big state and we have a lot of different kind of problems. I think that we shouldn't all be put under the same penalty, if you want to call it that, because of population, and perhaps there should be an amendment to exempt the three large counties that have been mentioned. But I would hate to see...I know my neighbors, I know the people in my county even when they trade cars buy their number and I certainly feel that we would lose a great deal in our rural areas if we do not get our number back or that it is completely changed because you are going to have some more problems. Those people that have their numbers due in January are going to get the low numbers and those in December are going to get the high numbers. So we do have a problem and I don't know how to solve it exactly like Senator Clark has said, but I don't think we ought to penalize the other 90 counties because of three. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would just say this that I have heard from our County Treasurer and he likewise is opposed to this amendment and I would want to be sure that Hall County is included if we were going to eliminate some counties.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak. Okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Okay, you were the last speaker, so Senator Warner, you may close on the committee amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the