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the system honest. So the cheapest route that we can go and the energy efficient route is to use the polling place that exists out there take a little additional bother for the people on the election and increase the number of registered voters on that particular day. I urge the body to adopt this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

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SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I support the Burrows amendment. I think that this makes infinite sense. This has happened in Minnesota and some other states. Basically you have the folks out there doing the election activities anyway and they can be sworn and easily take registrations at this time. I think it is a good idea. I think it is one way of encouraging people to register and it makes it easy. It provides for a lot more activities and since you are out there anyway it would really add to the convenience of those voters who would like to register and have not had an opportunity previously. So I encourage the body to accept the Burrows amendment. I think it would add greatly to the ease and availability of voter registration.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Speaking to the Burrows amendment, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, this amendment was LB 297 which we had in the Government Committee and had a lot of discussion on it and considerable input from the public. The idea I think that came across at the hearing on the bill was that it would create problems at the polling place. It would disturb the election procedure on election day or it could if it didn't, and that it really is an unnecessary process because most communities have made every effort possible to get people to register and while Senator Burrows said they are going to make the trip to the polls anyhow, I don't really know why they go if they haven't registered because they can't vote but they might ride along with somebody, I'll grant that, but you do go to the shopping centers and there are plenty of chances to register if you have the least bit of inclination to do so. In our area the courthouse and other areas stay open evenings several times before election, before the deadline for registering to vote. So the thing that we heard from all across Nebraska is that it would cause a disruption on election day and I think this came from a bill several years ago when some of us or some people thought in the Legislature and in the state that they ought to be able to come and register