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SENATOR COPE: In other words, it is strictly registration. They come in and register, they don't vote then the same day.

SENATOR BURROWS: That is absolutely correct. Just an easy...(interruption.)

SENATOR COPE: Well then why not go to the courthouse or the various places and do the same thing and not put the responsibility on the voting...the people that are manning the areas? What...? They would have to drive there the same as they would to the courthouse or to the shopping area wherever it is. What is the advantage?

SENATOR BURROWS: The advantage is the polling place is much closer to the resident, especially in the urban area. It is much closer. It stays open until eight o'clock and is open for people that really have it difficult to register and vote otherwise. Some people work the same hours that the county offices are open and the duplicate work hours when the office is open just doesn't work very well for some people to vote and this would give a time for them to put in, fill out the registration, accomplish the after work, to have it detail perfect in the county clerk's office with no additional energy costs, no additional driving.

SENATOR COPE: Well I would have to oppose this for the reason that if people are not interested enough to register to drive a few blocks or to the courthouse or, I don't think this is going to make one particle of difference. You might pick up one or two but for the additional and probably you would have to put on another person to take care of this item in the polling places because there are rush times and I certainly do not like to wait in line while somebody is using one of the people that are manning the area to register someone and I do not think anyone else does.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose this amendment which is offered to the legislative body. It would work if it was a very slow day that you were not having to stand in line to cast your vote at the polls but to add confusion in many of the larger polling districts would not be fair to the personnel. It could be costly if we are trying to arrange additional persons to be available in case someone came when that same individual has so many opportunities to register if he or she is interested in doing so. We need to continue through our educational process to encourage our students to accept the responsibility of voting for that is part of being a good citizen. It is equally important not to add to the cost of voting and this