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be reviewing and a constant reviewing of the books. So, therefore, it would not be a burden upon the county clerk or on the election commissioner at any one particular time to have all the work to do immediately after each general election. Then, also, I think by providing this for within a four year period we are meeting some of the objections that have previously been raised in other states that had similar laws to ours. I think that this would maybe clarify and at least retain the things that we are talking about in protecting against voter fraud but also give us some of the mechanics that the proponents of the bill have been talking about to protect the individual rights of citizens, to not destroy that fact that they have that privilege of staying home if they want to and still, yet, keeping our voter registration list clean. I move the adoption of those amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas. We are now speaking on the Stromer amendment to LB 198. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I just wondered--I don't know if I got that right but the way I understand that, here's what could happen. Now, I wanted Senator Stromer to clarify it a little bit. Say that in your district you had a school bond issue, we'll say in June, and then you had another one in September and that's in your district. And, of course, then they could get to you whether you are an eligible voter later because you've had some elections but here is a district next to it that had no elections at all, so those people aren't purged. Yet, there could be a lot of illegal people in that election. When you get into these local elections and special elections, then I don't think you run into any fairness because some districts have more elections than others because of the special elections. Now for instance up in Omaha, we're going to have a city election and I doubt on that particular day, there may be but maybe there are no other elections in the state on that day, so that's election #1. I really do believe that you've got to stick to state and national elections to do this. I'm a little bit, I think this is going to be a splinter type of an amendment, Senator Stromer but maybe I haven't got the full impact of it. Maybe I'm wrong, I don't know.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Whitney, then Senator Stahmer, then Senator Cavanaugh. We are speaking on the Stromer amendment to LB 198.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it seems to me that Senator Stromer has done a considerable amount of work on this particular matter, checking the Court decisions, etc. and it appears to me that his amendment is a good amendment and so I would like to approve of it.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Senator Stromer, would you briefly explain that again. I was listening. I want to make sure that I understand the implications of it and then I want to ask a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer, excuse me, Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Yes, Senator Stahmer. What we are doing in the bill is striking the words "succeeding general" because this was limiting. And this is the problem we have had in other states where Court cases have been filed challenging the Purge law or the system of challenging the voter registration. And so this then, in turn, when we--the way the bill then would read would be every--or in any "two elections". And I've added the language that we would make this in within four year periods and we start with '76 which would include--