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opposed to moving the eighteen back to nineteen. I think the twenty-one like the committee amendments were, I think this is a sufficient age and I would also agree with Senator Kahle that drivers license are a problem. They are a problem in our counties which I come from, and with these thoughts in mind, I would oppose the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. Speaker, a question of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Nichol, the committee amendments were put on on General File and this bill moved on up to Select File and now either Senator Landis or Senator Reutzel want to remove those committee amendments. The arguments that I have heard to date is that we want to expand the people available in the jury system and the question I ask is are we having trouble getting people to serve on juries at this time?

SENATOR NICHOL: Do you mean is there a shortage of people that we can't fill the juries?

SENATOR KELLY: Yes, that is correct.

SENATOR NICHOL: Not that I know of. I know in the area in which I live we have never had a shortage of people. Sometime they have had to go through several people to get a jury but as far as I know there is no problem of getting people to serve on juries.

SENATOR KELLY: Did you have any indication in the interim studies the committee did or in the committee hearings that there would be an improvement in the jury system by lowering the age of the people that would serve?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, I don't believe so, Senator Kelly. I didn't attend all of the hearings but I don't recall that we did.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much, Senator Nichol. I would oppose these amendments, if we vote on them as a group. If the question is divided as it should be, Mr. Speaker, then we could discuss each and every question that would come up. At this time I will just stay opposed to the removing of these amendments.