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before that jury.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Chambers, and I gather after listening to you, and I always enjoy them, sometimes when you aren't so radical with me, but I rather enjoy this. In other words, a man or a child, or a woman, is entitled to go before his peers if at the age of 15 or 16, and the man that decides that or the one that decides that is the judge, is that right?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What age the person...

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, at what?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A judge can send somebody to Juvenile Court even if charged as an adult. A prosecutor can charge somebody as a juvenile or adult in some instances.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, then that is settled by those who are in the lawyer profession, and the man that's going to serve on a jury, it makes little difference whether we make his age 19 or 21, the age of majority, he has to go and there are two lawyers that the prosecutor and the defender, and I presume I'm using the right words there, then they have the right to select the jury, and if they don't like the man or the woman, they can turn them down. I think that leaving it at the age of 19, or the age of majority, whichever is...and they're both the same now, would be the finest thing that we could do to do to this thing. I like Senator Landis and what he said about a person assuming the responsibility. There are so many people in this world, in this nation of ours that don't get a chance to assume a responsibility for government and they'd ought to get in there and get a little education, and understand what it's all about.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson. Do I see five hands? I see six hands. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? The question is, shall debate cease on the Newell amendment to the DeCamp amendment to LB 234. Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion passes. The debate ceases, and Senator Newell, you may close on your motion to amend the amendment.