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LB 234

SENATOR NEWELL: Alright, simply again, this basically says it strikes the "19" and adds "age of majority". If this state determines, as I hear a number of people say, that the age of majority is not correct at 19, then we ought to change the age of majority. But I think we ought to be consistent with the statutes. I think we ought to have a consistent age of majority, and I think that's exactly what we need to do with this bill. Now if there is a desire to move the age of majority to 21, then let's do that. Let's do that in legislation, but let's be consistent now. That's all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is the adoption of the Newell amendment to the DeCamp amendment to LB 234. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. It will require 25 votes since we're on Select File. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 10 ayes, 25 nays on the adoption of Senator Newell's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. We're back on the DeCamp amendment. I will assume that those who had their lights on want to speak to the...now to the DeCamp amendment. Proceed then with Senator Murphy. Next, the Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I rise to oppose Senator DeCamp's amendment. I believe his would take it from 21 to 19. Is that right? Yes. I would oppose that, because I do not believe that some of these...some of these 19 year olds are mature enough, they're not experienced enough to serve on a jury, and some of the jury trials are very important. Therefore, I think that we need to leave the age at 21, and I would certainly urge the rest of this body here to oppose this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Before we proceed, the Chair would like to take this opportunity to introduce some visitors from Senator Marvel's district, some 24 fourth graders and 3 teachers from Watson Elementary School in Hastings, Nebraska, Kathy Bruce, teacher. They are right up here in the north balcony. Would they wave to us? They're all kind of standing on the edge. Welcome to your Legislature. The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Well, Mr. President, one time my mother