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need to be trained a little bit too in who they register and how they register them and it would add extra personnel to most polling places to provide that service, so I just don't believe that we should be complicating that process on that day which is probably the most important part of the democratic process. So I would go for any kind of a program you might have that would help to increase voter registration. I am sure that most counties and precincts try very hard to, and courthouses are open nights and much advertising takes place and all the politicians are urging you to register at that time so they can get the votes and if that doesn't do it, why I still don't think we should be complicating our election process on election day. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Taken in order of their appearance on the board up here, Senator Cope, Senator George and Senator Nichol and we have seven minutes left on this bill. Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I would oppose this for cost purposes only. It just can't help but cost more money. With long lines of people and that does happen at certain times of the day in lots of polls you are just going to have to have one person, I believe, hired to do the registration and that means a lot of money throughout the state that we will be spending above what is spent now for taking care of registrations. We have a place to do it. People have the opportunity to do it and I would oppose it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is a motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb moves to indefinitely postpone LB 465.

SPEAKER MARVEL: That motion takes precedent. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President, I offer the motion to indefinitely postpone the bill for several of the reasons that have been stated here. One is that I don't believe that on voting day is the day to confuse the issue by having a lot of people up there that are merely registering. I think we can do that at other times. It places an undue burden on county officials to have someone there at the polling place taking the registrations and I just don't believe the bill is necessary. There will be additional costs. However, I'm not sure that that is too