

Court, in a case back in 1975, Taylor v. Louisiana, made the following statement, "When any large identifiable segment of the community is excluded from jury service, the effect is to remove from the jury room qualities of human nature, and varieties of human experience, the range which is unknown and perhaps unknowable. United States Census Bureau has stated that whenever we use only voter registration lists for jury selection, we tend to exclude the higher percentages of the following groups, blacks, hispanics, young people under 35, and older Americans, and some others. Accordingly, the American Bar Association House of Delegates recommends that we combine the driver's license list and the voter registration list. A quote from the standards for jury use and management from the American Bar Association follows: "The driver list appears to offer the best opportunity to draw into those groups typically left out by the voter list." A 1976 study in San Diego County found that 83 percent of the county's 18 plus population were on the driver's list compared to only 56 percent. My home county, Sarpy County, we have 57 percent of the adults registered to vote, 81 percent of the driving age population licensed to drive. This measure, passage of this will bring us in line with 25 other states in the Union which expand their list beyond voter registration. One key thing I think you ought to be aware of, in the committee amendments by saying that this list is available to the county clerks once a year, we are really saying that only once a year will the county clerks have to sit down and merge the two lists. We leave the methodology this year to the county clerks. However they merge a list is adequate. We are not dictating to them as I think we did last year that they have to be on a precinct by precinct basis and that probably was some of the opposition last year. The County Election Commissioners from our two largest counties, Douglas County and Lancaster County, appeared at the hearing in support of this measure. There was only one individual speaking in opposition to this measure this time. The county association, as I said, last year that vigorously opposed this measure have not been in opposition. They have told me that they are neutral on this measure this year. I think we have worked out some of the bugs we had last year and I would urge your support for this measure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, we are on the bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I