

rationale for using the jury list is none of that, really, it just happened to be a ready available list that was easy to use at one time and so that is the reason the list was used and nobody gave it a lot of consideration as to whether this is a representative list of the population. LB 113 which passed on General File, Select File, Final Reading, by this body says that in order to get a more representative list of people to choose our juries from, we will merge a voter registration list with the list of licensed drivers. It is not a new concept, not a radical concept, not a great departure from what is done many places in the United States. Twenty-five states in the nation state legislatures have examined this question and they have said, yes, we think it ought to be a broadened list that we use. They are using either the voter registration list in conjunction with the driver's license list, voter registration list in conjunction with some other list, or use the driver's license list by itself. This bill was brought up last year, a bill Senator Glenn Goodrich and I co-sponsored, LB 803. At that time...we are passing out a fact sheet here that is on your desk. I would like you to refer to that. Look at LB 803; the proponents of that bill in 1984 were Lee Terry who was then the Douglas County Election Commissioner; Beatty Brasch, recently appointed Lancaster Election Commissioner; Steve Wiitala, recently appointed Douglas County Election Commissioner; Diana Shemek, who was then Chairman of the Democratic Party; Kermit Brashear, who was then and still is the Chairman of the Republican Party, and Jan Gradwohl, who was speaking on behalf of, I believe, the ABA House of Delegates. This year the proponents of the bill were Rod Ream, an attorney in Lincoln who was supportive of the bill; again, Beatty Brasch; again, Kelly Kutcha, an intern in the Lancaster County Election Commissioner's Office; Steve Wiitala again, and Rudy Peralez of the Mexican-American Commission. Both times that bill has been up there has only been one opponent who spoke on the bill. Last year I believe the bill was brought out of the Judiciary Committee with no dissenting votes, if my memory serves me correctly, this year with only one dissenting vote. The cost of the measure is minimal. The state estimates it will be a thousand dollars fiscal impact this year, \$300 thereafter. For the counties there will be some increased expenditure but again our fiscal office says cost to most of the counties would be minimal and would primarily involve clerical and data processing expenses when a voter registration and licensed driver listings are