

can't just say, no, I don't want to serve on a jury and excuse yourself from it. If you get called for a jury selection, you are in contempt if you don't show up and you don't participate. You can be forced. All we are doing with this bill is saying you cannot abdicate your civic responsibility to serve on a jury merely by crossing your name off of a voter registration list. I think that argument of forcing civic responsibility is a very, very shallow reason for vetoing a bill. I feel that the arguments in support of passing this bill are overwhelming. Frankly, I have heard nothing new here today or nothing new from visiting with the Governor that makes me even question whether this is a good concept. It is right and it is just and it is in line with the process...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...we have supported in this nation of including more and more of our citizens within our governmental process and I urge you to join me in overriding the veto.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We have two excused. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1077-78 of the Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 13 nays, 2 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill passes notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. We move on to LB 407.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 407 was a bill that was introduced by the Public Health and Welfare Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 18 of this year. It was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. On March 13, the committee amendments offered by the Public Health and Welfare Committee were adopted. At that time there was an amendment by Senator Wesely to the bill that was adopted. There was left pending on the bill a motion by Senator Marsh. Senator, I understand you wish to withdraw this motion and substitute.