

March 20, 1979

LB 294, 234

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill as amended. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Senator Nichol, are you ready for the next bills? We're going to try to go through LB 315, and then adjourn. Have you all...Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion carries and the bill is advanced, and the Chair...let's see...234.

CLERK: (Read LB 234.) The bill was first read on January 11. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are Committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the Committee amendments accomplish three intentions. The first amendment returns the minimum age for service on a jury to the present 21 years of age. The bill was originally introduced lower...as introduced lowered the age to 18. The second amendment deals with the master list of names used for selection of jurors. The Committee amendments strikes the new language which would use a list of all licensed drivers in the state as a potential jury list. Certainly, in areas where these lists are computerized there would be no difficulty. However, in other areas of the state, computers are not used, and the use of licensed list for the selection of the jurors would become administratively impractical. This will leave the voter registration list as the list from which jurors are selected. The third Committee amendment clarifies that it will be the Jury Commissioner's duty to issue summons for jury duty. I move the adoption of the Committee amendments. I move the Committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is on the adoption of the Committee amendments. Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the Committee amendments?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, probably a question of Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR KAHLE: A Jury Commissioner...would you enlighten me on what that might be in a small county?