

to this group that twenty states have set minimum jury duty service at the age of 18 years, and two states have recognized 19, and that was as of 1972. The trend is to go toward younger jury duty service for exactly the reasons that have been announced today, and that is the argument that the Sixth Amendment requirements for a trial by peers demands that the universe of jurors that you draw from be the same as the potential liability for criminal prosecution. Along that line there has been an article in the Washington and Lee Law Review, 1972, on exactly that topic...the constitutionality of excluding young people from jury service. Now although we do not have a leading case on the topic, they argue by analogy to the instances in which black people and minorities, and other groups of the population have been excluded as being determined of the question of the Sixth Amendment constitutionality. Although that's a side issue and we do not have a clear precedent as to the necessity of moving to this change on a constitutional basis, there is sound sensible democratic theory that supports the idea involved in the DeCamp motion. I would like to quote from the Nebraska State Bar Journal, 1964, an address by Judge Paul Garrotto, before the Omaha Bar Association, and he speaks of some things that I was mentioning yesterday, and that is the dual nature of jury duty service, one, it is the duty of the citizen to participate in the judicial process and secondly, it is a benefit to society to have that, because jurors learn about the legal system when they participate in it. Let me just speak to a couple of quick paragraphs. While we speak of human rights, it behooves us to think of the duties that we as citizens owe to her majesty the law, and one of the most important of them is the duty of the citizen that owes to the part of the administration of justice, and that is service on the jury if the citizen is fortunate enough to be summoned for jury duty. Nothing else can give one the education on some fundamental problems of human rights, human weaknesses and strength that one obtains on jury duty. The point I'm making is this, there has been considerable concern and alarm in this body about the responsibility of youth, and their proper education. I think it's necessary to look on jury duty as one source in which young people can learn about and participate in very important decisions, and ones that... and decisions that teach them about human rights and the legal system and their responsibilities. It should not be overlooked that jury duty is a very great teaching device in the democratic principle. That is the cornerstone of the purposes of jury duty, as well as providing