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year around, registration can take place at any time during working hours. I am not in favor of the advancement of 465. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have a correction to make to Senator Murphy. An individual could not be coming from the bar, Senator Murphy, since bars are closed on election day.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel, do you wish to be recognized now? Senator Burrows, do you have anything in closing?

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think we really...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me, just a moment, before you close, Senator Murphy, you have your light on. We want to let Senator Burrows close, so...

SENATOR MURPHY: I will see that you get an invitation to the bar next time, Senator Marsh, and I would advise you that when you live on a border town where election dates are not the same, that many bars on one side are open while many bars on the other side are closed, and we have enough bars up there that we are not about to run out. But any time you are in my neighborhood you can stop on the way home from the bar and vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you have anything in the way of closing?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to draw this conclusion. The debate has boiled down to a relatively simple issue for this body to face. Registrations, to be constitutional, in our nation were based on keeping the system honest. No one has challenged this that it would really compromise the system in any degree because they do not vote on that election day. The question is whether we want citizen participation in government or whether we want the registration process to limit the number of voters. This bill will take away some of the problem of restricting the number of voters by the bothersome registration and leave the system thoroughly honest. This is the issue, do you believe in citizen participation, or do you want to restrict it by making it more difficult for people to register to vote. I think the Governor, I compliment him highly on professing and acknowledging we want more

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