

us all and is applicable to us all. Basically what Senator Koch says, we already allow for. If people are sick, if there is a medical reason why they cannot do their duty then they are exempted and there is no problem but why we should exempt a whole class of people on the presumption that they cannot do it, I do not understand. Consider for a moment the analogy of mandatory retirement. We passed a law once requiring mandatory retirement at age 65 on the presumption that apparently people couldn't handle it after age 65. I opposed that kind of a law and I oppose it for the reason that you shouldn't classify a whole class of people when I would say the whole class does not fit under a particular category. It is simply not true that all people over 65 cannot serve on a jury. I think they should be like everybody else, required to show why they should be exempted, if there is a medical reason, fine. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, we debated this particular provision very intensely and now it is coming back up on consent file. I agree with the arguments that Senator Beutler presented about you should not make exclusions for a class of people. The argument that Senator Koch has presented is that when you are 65 you have paid your dues and suddenly it should be your discrimination only as to whether you are medically able to serve or not serve, leading us to believe that once you become 65 then suddenly you no longer are tempted by just shirking your responsibility as a citizen, that that temptation would never affect somebody that is 65 and over and I disagree with that. I think that we are doing these people a disservice by treating them separately. They should be treated like other people, especially in this important civic function. I think that there would be a few abuses and I agree with Senator Koch and I think there are a few abuses with those under age 65 but there are still those where abuses could exist and I think they should have a statement from a doctor just like anyone else if they, in fact, are medically unable to serve on a jury duty. So I oppose this particular bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I