

we see that there is a job that public officials have to do to encourage people to participate in this process. If none registered to vote then the arguments that are given regarding that aspect of it will be shown to be true but no harm will have been done. On the other hand, if there is a substantial number who will register then I think something very positive has been achieved. I can not understand for the life of me why politicians do not want people to register and do not want people to vote. I feel that a vote against Senator Burrows' amendment is saying that despite the fact that we know that the time when people are most aware of elections is at election time and that is also the time they would be most aware of the need to register. We do not want to make available to them at the polling place the opportunity to register. Were I an election commissioner I would be in favor of registration at any time at any place. The idea should be to go out and get the people's interest. Our activities in carrying out our duties as public officials certainly has not been enough incentive for people to vote. They won't even come out to vote against us. They will gripe and whine in the letters to the editor column but that is the extent of it. So we on the one hand should not complain about and condemn apathy on the part of the electorate, then refuse to do those things that might encourage those who are encouragable to take advantage of the opportunity offer to register. I think Senator Burrows' amendment is very reasonable and I think we ought to adopt it. Remember, there is nothing that will be lost by adopting it. There could be a great deal gained by it. I hope you will think in these terms and vote for his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Burrows to close on his amendment.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, what this does, it provides for registration, very simply, on election day at the polling place but not voting on that day so it does not risk the threat of cheating in any way whatsoever. The election commissioner will have to check out the form when it gets back to the office. They have