

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I can read it to you from the law. Any person who is summoned to serve on jury duty shall be excused, upon request, from any shift work for those days required to serve as a juror without loss of pay.

SENATOR WITHEM: Without loss of pay. So, in effect, for people that have a job, in effect, what we're doing with this bill is shifting the burden from payment of wages away from the business person and employer and onto government, to the tune of \$20 a day. If, for instance, I have a job that I make \$50 a day, I get summoned for jury duty, as I understand the practice, I get paid \$20 by government for my day of jury duty, then my employer makes up that additional \$30.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR WITHEM: If this passes in 1994, government is paying...taxpayers are paying \$40 a day and my business man only has to pay \$10 a day. Now it may be good policy. It may be good policy to not put that burden onto the...onto the employers to have to make up that lost wage to the extent that they do and have the taxpayers pick it up beings it's a governmental service that they're coming from. But I think it's important that we understand that. I guess I am surprised that our friends in the business community who 10 years ago, as I understand, were just coming out of the woodwork opposed to this, making them pay this additional wage, aren't here to make any points on this particular bill. It seems like it's something that would benefit them that if they were watching things. You know, our friends at NACI maybe had ought to have paid some attention to this. I would be curious to know if you've had any contact with them and what their thoughts are.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No, I haven't.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay. I think it's just important that we understand the impacts of this. I think it's a good bill. I'm going to support it but I think it's important we understand the impact. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Do we have an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Madam President. Senator Cudaback would