

and perhaps unknowable. I feel that this is an excellent bill to put Nebraska's jury selection process in line with a majority of the other states. I feel that the...and I would like to comment in my closing on the veto message itself. I feel like it really did not get to the heart of this bill and I feel like it is an unwarranted veto and I ask you to sustain my motion to override the Governor's veto. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise in support of this veto override. Again, I am in somewhat of an awkward position as does Senator Withem find himself because I think we have an excellent Governor and that by and large he makes extremely good decisions. But I think in this particular case he is mistaken and that we should override the veto. Now this bill was quite important to the Judiciary Committee this year. We heard it early. We reported it out to the floor early on a seven to one vote as the committee report indicates. The bill went through General File and Select File without a great deal of opposition and it passed on Final Reading relatively comfortably. In the committee, during the committee hearing, and Senator Withem has distributed a digest of the persons who supported the bill this year and last year, we received some neutral testimony from the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles who then tendered an amendment to make the bill work better and we adopted that amendment. We never had any inkling during the committee hearing that the administration had any difficulty with the bill. At the same time, some of the major groups who take an interest in these matters, the American Bar Association, the Nebraska Bar Association, other similar organizations, have indicated their support for the concept. Now the central purpose of the bill, of course, is to do away with an impediment to registering to vote and Senator Pappas has told me an interesting story about his experiences in Lincoln County and I believe he intends to speak to those later. But I think it is a fact of the matter that there are a number of people who are concerned about registering to vote because they fear being called in for jury duty. In some of the rural areas of the state your name comes up for jury duty more frequently than it does in the urban areas so it is even more of an impediment to registration. Again, I think this is an important progressive measure that a number of