

weeks and three days before the County Treasurer finds out. Now, how long is it going to take for the County Treasurer to pull the driver's license and send the message to the Clerk of the District Court or the County Clerk or whoever handles the court case that these people are no longer qualified jurors? It isn't going to work. Therefore, I ask you not to override the veto. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to support Senator Withem's motion. I kind of start out with the premise and I think that we can all start out with the premise that we all would start out with the premise that everyone has his or her duty to do to his or her country and that we should not set in place systems which make it simple to avoid that duty, or which, in fact, encourage the avoidance of that duty. And I think as we have discussed that the current jury system is doubly corruptive in the sense that it encourages the avoidance of not one but two of our civic duties, the duty to vote and the duty to sit on juries. You know, it is not very tough to be an American. There aren't a lot of things that the government calls upon you to do, positive things that the government calls upon all of us to do uniformly as part of being a citizen. You know, one of them is paying taxes; another is serving in the armed services during the time of war; another is jury duty and the fourth is voting. And of those four things that we are called upon in a positive sense to do for the government, two of them are really much affected by the bill that is before you today. And, frankly, I find it a little confusing that a number of genuinely conservative legislators vote against a bill which encourages people to do their civic duty and that a Governor, a Medal of Honor winner who has nobly done his duty, would veto a bill and condone a system that encourages behavior which is, obviously, repugnant to his own personal values. In the debate that we have had on this bill so far, I have really only heard one argument against the bill that I think is even a plausible argument and I think that is a weak one, but that argument basically runs that you can't force a person to be a juror if he or she does not want to be because they won't be a good juror. But I don't think that comports to human behavior generally and I even, if it does in a small minority of cases, I think that the system has a very clear built-in mechanism to protect against those