

people. With regard to the first point, I don't think that the average person who doesn't exactly want to be a juror that becomes a juror, I don't think he is going to take it out against the defendant or against a plaintiff. I don't even think he will be able to make up his mind if he were so inclined who he would take it out against. Does he get mad at the defendant because he has to come up and listen to the sorry case? Or does he get mad at the prosecution because they are part of the government? I think what really happens is that he doesn't take it out on either of the parties. And I suggest to you that even if there is a resentment there, that there is a greater resentment under the present system and that is the resentment of people who have registered to vote and then are forced to do jury duty who also don't want to do jury duty but who resent the fact that other people have not registered to vote in order to avoid the duty. I think there is nothing more corruptive to our system than for one good citizen to look across the street at his neighbor and see his neighbor avoiding doing his or her duty. That is a resentment that we should address, not the other resentment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And there are other factors that are far more important with regard to how a juror is going to react than what we are talking about today. Take, for example, my own personal situation. I started a title company three years ago and I chose a partner and the first week we were in business when we had no business at all, she got a notice that she was going to be in for jury duty for three or four weeks and she did and she went and she did that. It was probably the worst possible time in her life as far as jury duty is concerned. And those are the kind of factors, when that particular event comes in your life whether you want to do it or not that is going to be far more important in your attitude as a juror than what we are talking about today. I think those are the important factors. I want to speak a little further, Mr. Speaker, but I guess my time is up. I will...leave my light on, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, then Senator Harris, then Senator Sieck. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I find myself, too, in a rather interesting