

February 20, 1973

Senate Judiciary Committee

A hearing was held at 12:00 Noon in Room 112 on the following resolution:

CACR 11, Relating To: Voting Age. Providing That: Eighteen Year Olds May Vote.

Sponsor of the resolution: Rep. Harvell of Hillsborough Dist. 9

Committee Members Present: Senators Bradley, Bossie, Claveau, Gardner and Porter

Rep. Harvell, Sponsor:

This bill makes our Constitution conform with the Constitution of the United States. The only argument that may be raised against this amendment is that somebody may say it is not important enough to put on the referendum. My feeling is that it is so simple in the question which it asks the voters that it is not going to add to the complexity, and it might even help the other desirable ones to pass. It has to be done sometime, and I think now is a good time.

Senator Bradley:

Am I correct in assuming that this is really just housekeeping? The legal effect has already happened, and this is just going to make the books read correctly.

Rep. Harvell:

Yes, that is correct.

Senator Claveau:

Why at town meetings?

Rep. Harvell:

That is the way it was in the original bill. There is an amendment that changes the date of the referendum in town meetings from this year to November, 1974.

Representative Haller, Concord:

I am not really going to oppose this bill. I just want to point out that we have just so much space we want to use up on the ballot, and there is already a possibility for the ballot being very large.

Rep. Harvell:

It has been the custom at the Constitutional Convention to spread the questions out over a period of years.

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At Executive Session, Senator Bossie moved that CACR 11 ought to pass; seconded by Senator Gardner. The motion was unanimously adopted.

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