

Warrensburg Seniors, 11/2/18

My name is William Truman Wayne, but you can Vote 4 Bill in the 51st District . Thank you for the opportunity to speak at our Senior Center (again).

Remember when VP Dan Quayle garbled the United Negro College Fund's motto “A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste”? He said something along the lines of it's terrible to lose your mind. You know, that's true, and the fear of Alzheimer's & related dementia is real for us, and we all know people who are suffering with it or are caregivers.

Then there's pain. We age, and parts wear out. Our choices for dealing with chronic pain aren't many – the scalpel, opioid drugs that are addictive and now being controlled, (sending people onto the black market where the deadly stuff is), or to just suffer.

We have an opportunity to provide another option that may help with these, along with PTSD and many more ailments. That's why I'm voting YES for Amendment 2, Medical Marijuana. It has problems, but it's the best option out there.

We can't just pass Prop C – the legislature could repeal it, change it, or delay it until 'approved' by a bunch of double-blind trials, run by drug companies that have no motivation to do so (unless they can create a \$500 pill or such). Meanwhile, people will continue to suffer and die. Amendment 3, is a self-serving rip-off orchestrated by a doctor/trial lawyer named Bradshaw.

Give yourself another option by letting Missouri join the other 31 states that allow Medical Marijuana. Yes on 2, No on 3.

One of the big parties has again nominated a deeply flawed state-wide candidate backed by barely 1/3 of primary voters, this time for State Auditor (shades of Todd Akin & Judy Moriarty). If we had Ranked Choice Voting, it probably wouldn't have happened.

Here's how Ranked Choice works - you vote by choosing your first, second & subsequent choices (if any) among the candidates. The candidate with the fewest first choice votes is eliminated and his votes are reallocated to second choices – and so on, until someone has a majority (computers make this easy).

Ranked Choice could apply to any multi-candidate election, from school board to general election and would remove the disincentive for you to vote first for the candidate you prefer, even if you don't think that person can win – rather than someone you can just tolerate.

So: please vote 3rd Party. Vote Libertarian. Vote Japheth Campbell for Senate, Sean O'Toole for Auditor, and Mark Bliss for Congress. And please Vote 4 Bill. Thank you.