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of process in the matrimonial domicile and thereafter the husband returns to the jurisdiction is not supportable. The husband may give the wife ample grounds for divorce but may escape his responsibilities by the simple expedient of "skipping out," crossing the state line and keeping himself absent for a short period. By this procedure he has prevented an admittedly wronged wife from securing her legal right to support. It is fortunate that a strong and rapidly growing minority is working to correct this situation.

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John Dawson, individually and on behalf of all other taxpayers similarly situated, Pl. and App., vs. M. J. Tobin, as County Auditor of Morton County, North Dakota, et al., Def. and Resps.

That the sole object sought in construing a constitutional provision is to ascertain and give effect to the intention and purpose of the framers and of the people who adopted it, and all rules of construction are subservient to, and intended to effectuate, such object. Primarily, such intention and purpose are to be found in and deduced from the language of the constitution itself.

That at the general election in November 1918, certain constitutional amendments relating to the initiative and referendum were approved and thereafter became part of the constitution. Such amendments provide: "The legislative power of this state shall be vested in a legislature consisting of a senate and a house of representatives. The people, however, reserve the power first to propose measures and to enact or reject the same at the polls; second to approve or reject at the polls any measure or any item or parts of any measure enacted by the legislature." They further provided that the legislative assembly by a declaration set forth therein might declare an act of the legislature to be an emergency measure; and that if such measure were passed by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting in each house, such emergency measure should take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Governor. They further provided that if a referendum petition is filed against an emergency measure that "such measure shall be a law until voted upon by the electors. And if it is then rejected by a majority of the votes cast thereon, it shall be thereby repealed." Such amendments further provided: "This section shall be self-executing and all of its provisions treated as mandatory.