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I don't see a need for this bill at the present time. There is a bill, 782, or one coming up talking about training of these people. Certainly they serve at the pleasure now of the sheriff and, certainly, should be under his guidance. If he is not giving proper guidance, at the present time, there is a definite way to get rid of the sheriff. So you get a sheriff that will do this. An election process is a pretty good process, even though perhaps it's slower than a lot of people would like to see. I can see no reason for this bill at the present time.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think that somethings have been happening in Omaha that probably wasn't strictly carried out according to the statutes that we now have on the books. I've served on the County Board of Commissioners. When the sheriff would want to appoint a deputy, one of the first things we required was to have this man bonded. We certainly didn't bond him for any small amount of money. The statute says not over \$5,000. I think that anyone that straps on a gun and goes out to keep the peace should have some training. He certainly should be bonded in an amount sufficient that would protect a county.

I don't think all of these things happened in Omaha. I think, perhaps, that Senator Chambers has a good reason for calling this issue and bringing it before this body. I don't like to get involved in the problems of Omaha and Douglas County. I think this is one time this Legislature should at least give some consideration to the problems that were pointed out by Senator Chambers.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to bracket LB 432 until February 20th. Signed, Senator Swigart.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Swigart.

SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, colleagues. I've forgotten the date, Vince. Vince, the date that the hearing is for 782? The 11th. Of course, we wouldn't know that day. So I think we better figure the date of the 20th of February in order to find out what they did with the bill in hearing. I think it would be good to have them both before us. Let's examine them and vote in the one that's the better.

I move that the motion be passed.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Excuse me, Senator Swigart. Your motion then is to do what? Were you offering an amendment to your motion?

SENATOR SWIGART: No, no. The date is on there. I just say I think we ought to go that far, to February 20th ... bracket it till the 20th so we can hear about the other bill.