

Unfortunately, I think I passed it out yesterday or the day before when I thought this bill was coming up and I will try to get it around to you as soon as I can get a copy in here so you can see the actual language. But, once again, what we're discussing right now, the provision that we're discussing right now is in all substance exactly the same provision that we have passed into law with regard to shoplifting. So it's nothing new. What we're taking is the shoplifting provisions and allowing libraries, public libraries to have the benefit of the same kinds of protections. And once again, what it's saying is that if somebody who works for the library has probable cause to believe that a person has, is concealing library materials then in that event, he has the right to make an arrest. And if he makes that arrest, then the problem has been that he, that he in some circumstances, in some courts has been held to subject himself to different kinds of lawsuits. So what we're saying here is the same thing that we said with regard to people who work in retailers, stores and try to protect against shoplifting. If there's probable cause to think that materials are being concealed and if they do not use excessive or unreasonable force, then, in that event, they can make the arrest or cause the arrest to be made and will not be subject to civil suits. And I think that's a reasonable balance as between the rights of all parties and would ask for the adoption of that portion of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't know if there's anybody who respects books more than I do or feels that the public should be entitled to the use of as many books about as many subjects as possible. However, in the interest of achieving that, I don't think we ought to create new categories of policemen. I don't think that people who work in libraries or for libraries should have arrest powers and the bill says, who shall cause the arrest. That could mean to me effect the arrest, too, not only on the premises but off the premises of the library. Now I know personally of instances where they have libraries, this even happened on the University campus and at the Law Library. They have it devised for