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redone with the participation of the opponents to something where they could live with it if it were indeed brought to the floor and I just say, I still stand by that. In its present form the bill is not acceptable. I think it is an important thing and could be done in such a way that it would actually be of benefit to law enforcement and would encourage you with this understanding to give the bill life long enough to see if these things could be worked out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, will you have any further close then? The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson for purposes of closing on the motion.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, I just have a couple of remarks to make. I think that Senator Nichol is very right in indicating that whatever we come up with may need further hearing and that is correct but if that becomes apparent that the bill needs further hearing, then of course we can move to return the bill to the committee with the amendments on it for further hearings and including a layover till next year if necessary but I don't want the matter killed simply because I don't want to have to start all over again next year and work this thing through the Legislature. In a sense this bill, because it is a Judiciary Committee bill, is almost a followless bill. It doesn't have any single sponsor as such. It has the whole committee as sponsor. It is sort of like a woman who finds herself pregnant at the hands of several men. I'm not sure who the father of that child really is, but I am willing to take this on and with Senator DeCamp's help and other help and I have some help coming from Omaha, some lawyers in Omaha, and I am sure we can put it together and deal very responsibly with the subject but we do need to keep a vehicle alive for us to be able to deal with the subject and therefore, I would ask for your vote this morning.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Just so we have clarification, the point that he is interested in taking on this is the legislation now.

PRESIDENT: That is understood, yes. Thank you, Senator DeCamp. The question then before the house is the placing on the General File of LB 450 which bill was killed in committee. This will require 30 votes pursuant to Rule 3, Section 12, since it was brought before the Legislature