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went into effect January 1st of this year, no cars can be towed right now. There may be merit to that but anyway that is the situation so that is why the bill was introduced. The other aspect of the bill which you have added on says that any towing company which tows a car shall report to the police within twenty-four hours that they have towed it, and then at the end of a thirty day period, they should notify the police that they have a car so they can check and see if it has been stolen and they shall make a periodic check once every month. That is what the bill does.

SPEAKER MARVEL: I have got about a dozen lights on here. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, members, I would like to ask Senator Simon a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Yes, Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Who is going to be responsible for this car hauling it away?

SENATOR SIMON: When you are talking about responsible, do you mean who is going to be liable?

SENATOR CLARK: You bet. In other words, when he tears your tires off, he wrecks your bumpers and all this, who is going to be liable for it?

SENATOR SIMON: As I understand it, the towing company would be, Senator Clark. The towing company does carry insurance on those types of things.

SENATOR CLARK: For your information, Chicago, when I just got back from there, they not only hauled them away. They stacked one on top of each other back there. They still have got suits going on and will have for a long time. I think it ought to be stated in the bill who is going to be absolutely responsible for that car when he hauls it away.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Clark, let me just respond. I would agree completely with you on that. Senator Fowler and I have discussed this and there are going to be some amendments offered by Senator Fowler dealing with the aspect of liability. They will be offered on Select File. I concur with your observations a hundred percent.