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LB 301

Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending.

SENATOR MARSH: Senator Murphy. Excuse me. Senator DeCamp, for the committee amendment.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, this bill has to do with arson reporting, giving imunity. The amendments are relatively simple. They add the word "or explosion", fire or explosion so there is no confusion. You know there was an explosion recently in Hastings and that would be an example of why the word "or explosion" is needed. Additionally we will put the E clause on the bill and finally we add some language relative to local law enforcement agencies in the county in which the incident occurred being involved in the reporting. Move adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is on the adoption of the committee amendments. We are on LB 301. What I would like to do is take 301, 334 and 478 and then adjourn. 301. Have you all voted? Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Murphy, what do we do with the bill?

SENATOR MURPHY: This bill is an arson reporting bill and its principal function is to facilitate an interchange of information between the various law enforcement agencies, the insurance companies, the Department of Insurance and the Office of the Fire Marshall. I had intended to submit the draft of this bill personally and I ran smack afoul of our friend, former Senator Barnett, who had one in his hand and with his support and the support of the industry we are introducing what has become another uniform bill, but it relates to arson which has become a very hideous and in many instances, fatal crime. John Glenn in Congress was successful last year in getting the F.B.I. to make the first change in their major crime rating. This becomes number eight among major crimes in the F.B.I. in order to facilitate the very thing we are asking for here which is better data and better recording and better interchange of information. Last year we had about three billion dollars in loss attributed to