

think it is a very legitimate point that this is no different powers than other fire investigators across the state have. Senator Chambers just doesn't want them to have those powers in Omaha and I think his animosity and contempt is very traditional and certainly within his philosophical attitude and framework. I would like to give one example, one example. You know, Senator Chambers indicates that these firemen are just firemen, they are not important people, that they haven't had any real experience. You know, any new police officer goes through the same school that these firemen are going to have to go through. They don't have any more experience either. Now the situation is that these individuals are not going to be using these kinds of powers at all. But there are cases...not very frequently, but there are cases, in fact, when they are going to need to do that, and Senator Labeledz only read just a couple and I would like to read one more. This was...a suspect was drunk and made a threat to his wife that he would burn down the building with her in it and their baby. The suspect poured gasoline all over the stairway leading to the third floor. The wife called her parents who notified 911 to send police. When police arrived, the suspect threw a lit rag at the officers down the gasoline soaked stairs and set off an explosion. The officers were able to radio for help and the fire division and other police arrived, surrounding the building and the suspect was apprehended. He was charged and booked with two counts of attempted murder and one count of first degree arson. These are not...these are not people who are not desirous upon occasion of committing great bodily harm, and these arson investigators need the protection that others in a similar kind of work must have. With that, I urge the advancement of LB 205.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 205. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We are voting on the advancement of LB 205. Have you all voted? Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: We wouldn't have to have a Call of the House. Mr. President, there doesn't seem to be any rush to kind of resolve this issue.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record.

CLERK: I have had a request for a record vote. (Read the record vote as found on page 662 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 11 ayes, Mr. President.