

March 11, 1981

LB 195E, 205

CLERK: (Read LB 195E on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hold the phone. All legislators are to be in their seats. We will not continue on Final Reading until you follow the rules. Okay, continue.

CLERK: (Reading of LB 195E continued.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with, the question is, shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 850 and 851, Legislative Journal.) 47 ayes, 0 nays, 2 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is declared passed with the emergency clause attached. The Clerk will now read on Final Reading LB 205.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Read the motion.

CLERK: Senator Beutler moves to return LB 205 to Select File for specific amendment. The amendment is found on page 837 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the bill we are talking about is Senator Newell's bill that tries to help out with the problem, and does I think or probably would, help out with the problem of dealing with arson in the City of Omaha. The bill basically provided a whole arsenal of additional powers to the Fire Department in Omaha to deal with arson investigations. The objections raised very strongly by Senator Chambers on General File and by myself had to do with the nature of these powers and whether it was really advantageous in the long run to give to additional members of our government the powers to do such things as carry weapons, issue subpoenas, involve themselves in investigations without approval by the court and some other items that it seems are being done more and more these days in an attempt to deal with the crime problem. The Welfare Department, for example, has some additional powers now without going through the courts. I am not at all convinced that this general trend is a very healthy trend. At any rate, I think what needs to