

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote found on page 805 of the Legislative Journal.) 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: LB 345 passes. LB 223.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Beutler would move to return LB 223 to Select File for specific amendment. That amendment, Mr. President, is found on page 728 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the amendment is also on your desk. Basically this is a friendly amendment to which Senator Rupp does not, as Chairman of the Constitutional Revision and Recreation Committee, does not object. But essentially this bill, which is I think a valuable little bill, is designed to give the federal authorities some jurisdictions in certain specified state parks, national monuments, the Scottsbluff National Monument, Agate, Fossil and Homestead. What was intended is that the federal officers would have the power to arrest persons who are violating the criminal laws of the State of Nebraska, that is the authority that was desired. In the original bill it just says concurrent legislative jurisdiction over crimes and offenses under the laws of the state. As this bill went through I asked the staff of the committee to try to determine what legislative meant since that appeared to be a very broad term. We were never able to determine what, specifically, it means. Consequently, I struck the words legislative and just put exactly in there the authority that we wanted to give, the authority to arrest any person believed guilty of violating a criminal law of the state. An additional reason why I wanted to be specific there was the reason that we also could not determine whether we could ever get this jurisdiction back once we gave it. I really still don't know the answer to that. In the event that we can never give it back then I think that what we should give away in the first instance should be as narrowly drawn as possible. That is the purpose of the amendment. I would ask that the bill be returned for that specific amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rupp, please. Were you through, Senator Beutler, or did your microphone fall apart? Yes to