

February 15, Senator Chambers's motion to indefinitely postpone the bill is now before the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if you have looked at this bill at all, you will see what a very terrible job of draftspersonship it is and the penalties and powers given to the librarians and their agents exceeds those powers given to uniformed police officers. I had talked to some librarians one day when they were down here delivering pies to each member of the Legislature and I talked to them about this bill and said, based on the bill that you have before the Legislature now, this pie may be like the poisoned apple given to Snow White, taking literary liberties, and they said, I don't know what bill you are talking about. So I showed them this bill and showed where arrests can be made of people in the library, away from the library, arrested in their own home without a warrant, that even if the arrest is illegal, the agents who perform the arrest are given immunity. They said they never heard of such a thing. It was never presented to them. They are not in favor of that type of adversarial relationship established between them and a library because the only purpose they have as librarians was in trying to encourage the public to read, become more cultured and make materials available to accomplish that purpose. And if anybody doubts what I am saying, just find who the two ladies were who delivered the pie to Senator Chambers. I am sure that they had assignments and you can confirm what I am telling you. Now this bill should have gone to the Judiciary Committee because it deals with crimes and punishments and another bill earlier dealing with the same type of subject matter did go before that committee. But because of the atrocious nature of the bill and those who offered it knew that it would be subjected to careful scrutiny and not allowed to come out in this form and probably not at all because adequate laws are on the books now, it was shunted to Senator Hefner's committee. Now if a committee offers a bill and wants to say that it was offered pursuant to a study, certainly the bill ought to say what those who represent it as being, it should say that. They should have been very careful in the handling of the bill. After all, they studied it. This thing is worse than LB 407 in its draftspersonship. If you look on page 2, what triggers all of these powers for the library persons and