

few of the problems with the bill. These ladies who talked to me mentioned that they are from a town that is not too large and on occasion people keep books and some people keep a large enough number of books for a long enough period of time to cause some concern. So when that occurs, instead of going to the city attorney or anybody to bring a charge of theft or whatever else is available under the law, there is a police officer who agrees to go notify these people that they have some overdue material and the library would like to talk to them about it. And she said that that takes care of any problem that they have ever had. But this kind of stuff is totally unnecessary, totally unwarranted. There are others who have concern about the bill so I am not going to use my full ten minutes, but I hope enough things were called to your attention to make you begin to read this piece of legislation. And after having read it, I hope you will vote to indefinitely postpone it because currently there are laws on the books that allow libraries to go after people who steal material, who take it out lawfully initially but do not bring it back and they keep it with the unlawful intent to deprive the library of that material. So this is not necessary at all.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose Senator Chambers' motion. He is well aware that there is an amendment pending following his motion which would remove some of his objections and yet he keeps talking about those sections. I feel that there obviously is a problem with misuse and misappropriation of library materials. We see it in the Appropriations Committee when libraries which the state funds are asking for dollars to keep their collections current and part of the problem, part of the problem is material which simply walks out. No, books don't walk out of the library. Printed material doesn't just walk out. Other library materials don't just walk out. There needs to be a specific piece of legislation which says it is important to not lump this with everything else. It has a pretty low item of importance in some areas. We need to lift this as an item. It can be very expensive to replace some of the materials which are deliberately ferreted out of the library with or without a check-out. And this would provide some of the tools which currently are not being utilized, Senator Chambers, and I do not support the motion to kill.