

the door is not answered then, Senator Vickers, they won't do this alone, they will bring help, then here comes a group of very burly young guys, who might play football during the season, with a log and they break down the door, and on the chance that the person in the house thinks that they have a right to protect their property from this warrantless intrusion will try to defend their home and their person, guess who backs up the librarian and those with the battering ram? The S.W.A.T. team. Here they are in all their regalia, their AR15's at the ready, camouflage on their face, and in a kneeling position with their guns trained on the front door because the Legislature has now passed a bill saying if you take a newspaper out of the library, or if somebody thinks you took a newspaper out of the library, here it comes. Senator Vickers, I like this provision. I'd like to see somebody assaulted and battered and beaten bloody. Senator Haberman gave me another reason for being for it. He said they might come to his house and drag him out in handcuffs. (laughter) Rex, look out. I like that. Not only Rex, but maybe Senator Vard Johnson because Vard has been on the other side of an issue to some special interest group. So Vard, being a reader, as he is, but often distracted by heavy, weighty matters of the day, may forget to turn a book back, or maybe they can say he walked out of the library with a newspaper. So, to get him out of commission, they come and drag him away in handcuffs. People say that won't happen. Maybe not. But you should not enact a law that makes it possible. You should not enact a law and say this is trash legislation, it allows stupid things to happen, but we expect librarians to have more sense than we, the legislators, who passed the bill. Although we say it is a crime to deprive the library of possession of the book, we expect the librarians to know that we don't mean that in every case, although the way the bill is drafted that is what we mean.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We, the intelligent legislators, who will discuss this bill at length don't want it to be a crime for somebody to believe material is stolen and buy it, and if it turns out not to be stolen, they are guilty of a crime anyway. We don't want belief to be a crime, although that is what the law says and that is the good amendment you just adopted. I'm distancing myself from this piece of trash, just like I did LB 406. I'm not going to ask the Attorney