

I voted against the bill in the first place was I felt it wasn't quite written right and in visiting with the people who had something to do with the bill, they felt that they could clear this language all up by next year and so we want to keep this bill alive so that we can do something about it. I also understand that we are losing quite a bit of material from the libraries in the State of Nebraska which is a great concern of mine and I think this needs to be corrected. And I personally feel that this bill can do it and this is the reason I bring it back. I hope that you will reconsider it and vote favorably for the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support Senator Sieck's motion and that is to bring LB 288 before the body. And the reason I am doing this, the reason I am talking for this bill is that the librarians in Nebraska need this bill. I believe that it will help cut down some of the losses that they are having. The librarians have told us, told the committee members, that library books and library materials disappear from time to time and this costs the libraries a lot of money over a period of years. Theft, destruction and unreturn of library materials has become an extremely difficult problem for librarians throughout Nebraska and this bill will certainly help this problem. Other states have passed bills such as this one and Iowa has a law such as LB 288 and I understand that it is working very well in that state. I feel that librarians are doing a good job in Nebraska and many of them that I have talked to do it on a voluntary basis. And so I feel that the least we can do for them is to help them out with a security bill such as this one. And so I hope that you will be able to support this move to bring this bill back.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I think the Legislature a few days ago made a decision that was correct, made a decision that was right and for those of you that may have forgotten some of that discussion, let me remind you that what we are attempting to do with LB 288 was to say that stealing a book from a library is a crime...it's a crime, it's a crime and it is wrong and it is wrong and it