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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I will be very brief because I think Senator Johnson has very well explained the intent of the bill and what can be done in terms of some additional drafting. Senators Reutzel, myself and I think, Venditte, were absent when the committee voted to kill these bills and as happens sometimes with a committee when a group of bills are presented or seem to come from one source, if one of the bills is undesirable or thought to be, the entire group will be killed and I have talked to some members on the committee and they are prepared, they were in fact prepared, to reconsider this bill but it had already been voted out as killed so there was nothing the committee itself could do at that point because the bill had become the property of the Legislature. So I am joining Senator Johnson in asking that this bill be considered by the Legislature for resurrection and proper or, Senator Beutler, that was for you, that this bill be dealt with in such fashion that it can accomplish the legitimate end and as a member of the Judiciary Committee I am strongly in favor of Senator Johnson's motion.

PRESIDENT: Before we go to the next one, the Chair would like to introduce Senator Newell's in-laws, Arlene's parents, Jerry and Alma Rajewich from Ord, Nebraska. The most important thing as Senator Newell says, they are the grandparents of John P. Newell and would be the grandparents and the parents of Mrs. Newell stand up and be recognized, please. They are under the South balcony. Welcome to the Rajewiches. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, it is true the legislative committee did kill this bill. It is also true that on the same day we held hearings on three other bills which in my opinion were worse than this one. At the end of the day it is true there were five members left in the committee and as Senator Chambers pointed out, three members were not there and of course when they were not there they could not vote. With five members of the committee there, the five members did vote to kill these four bills. If you will note on your white sheet next to your bill, there were several people who testified in favor of the bill and several who testified in opposition to the bill. Now it doesn't seem very logical that we should get too serious about somebody just being arrested and I am sure that most of us have been arrested for something like speeding or some other minor infraction and it does not seem to make too much difference to us. It just depends on how far you want to go to make