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and now he wants the emergency clause and I think that may be, in fact, the way the game is supposed to be played. I know that is the way the game is played but I am not so sure that I am going to stand up and say and not explain how it was discussed or agreements or those kinds of things were discussed before. For that reason I think that we ought to at least have a vote on the emergency clause. I would be kind of curious to see if those people who put the emergency clause on in exchange for certain other things will, in fact, vote to take the emergency clause off now that the agreement has self-destructed. I doubt that they will but I think this is the kind of test that is very important to have just so that you can have these honest discussions with your colleagues afterwards. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte. We are speaking to the Newell amendment to the committee amendments. Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as a member of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee, I might just simply say that I was not involved in any compromise at all. I did not know that there were again, if any, private sessions that were being held to come to an agreement on whatever issues we are trying to resolve this morning. That word "compromise" bothers me just a little bit and I say that for the record, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, and I am sure I am speaking for the majority of the people who have worked on LB 164. There have been no compromises made prior to the discussion of LB 164. If there were any, I was not involved. Senator Labeledz was not involved. Senator Johnson was not involved. So Senator Newell, I would hope perhaps that maybe in your closing you could better explain your opening comments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I would also like to indicate for the record that I know of no agreements that I made along the way concerning the emergency clause or any of the committee amendments. Inasmuch as it was a bill that I introduced, I would think that I would have some knowledge about agreements that were made. So to the best of my knowledge, there has been no breach of any agreement because I know of no such agreements. I think the emergency clause is important. It is important simply because the problem that we have developing in our cities has become rampant and we need to curb it as quickly as we can, and for that reason, I would encourage you to vote