

some individuals the right to carry guns. And although Senator Newell and others wanted to trot out the credentials of the individuals who happen to be fire investigators now and say, look at them, they are fine gentlemen, they are not the ones who are going to be fire investigators forever. And all they have to do is designate somebody a fire investigator regardless of his or her rank, as is stated in the bill, and that person becomes qualified under this bill to carry these weapons and do all these other things I mentioned. I hope that you will view this bill in terms of its broad impact, the ramifications that can be associated with it, and that you will support this motion to indefinitely postpone it. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I have had this thing trotted by me before and to quote the departed Senator Lewis...that moment of silence was in his honor, his expression was, "That dog won't hunt". I think it fits with this bill and if you kill it, you will not impair any legitimate fire investigation activities in Omaha. If you pass it, you are creating a class of people who are not law enforcement individuals, they are not officers of the court, who have more power than any judge, than the Attorney General, than the county attorney, than a police officer, and yet the individual is neither a judge, nor a law enforcement person. So I hope that you will sustain this motion to indefinitely postpone LB 205.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to support Senator Chambers in his kill motion on this bill. I would like to relate to you a little bit of a situation that I had brought to me a couple of years ago, and it seems to me that that's the underlying issue that we are dealing with here. If I understand the issue here correctly, we are attempting to give some people in Omaha the powers that the State Fire Marshal's office has. In other words, we are creating a quasi State Fire Marshal's office in Omaha, Nebraska. A couple of years ago a nephew of mine, who happens to be a contractor in the business of spraying urethane foam, had a contract for a high rise building in Omaha. After he got the contract, he investigated a little further and the coating to be put over this foam was not a fire retardant coating. The foam itself is susceptible to fire. He approached me and asked me how it could be that the coating could be used in the City of Omaha whereby at the same time he