

what we are waiting for. Senator DeCamp, do you want call ins? They are all here except Senator Higgins. Do you want to raise the Call? The Call is raised. Senator Labeledz is the next speaker. Report the vote on the.....

CLERK: 22 ayes, 4 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did want the opportunity to read a few of the investigation reports that occur in Omaha in regard to arson investigators, but I also want to mention the fact that right now we do have, and I did confirm this with Senator Pirsch, that we do have state, appointed by the Governor, deputies to the Sheriff's office that do carry fire arms and are eligible and have a right to make arrests, and these are just a few of the things that are happening in Douglas County, or I should say in Omaha, and I would like to give you a couple of examples. For instance, five persons injured in this fire. Fire was started in an apartment where two small children were sleeping in their bedroom. A couch was set on fire by their father who was drunk. The fire took off extremely fast and the children had to be hospitalized along with their mother. Because of the suspect's past record of assault, battery, disorderly conduct, felonious assault, public drunkenness and the fact he tried to burn an apartment where he thought the mother of his children was living, four arson investigators were sent to make the arrest. After gathering evidence and testimony pointing the individual responsible for this fire, they approached the suspect at a construction site where he was working. He was charged with first degree murder. But these are the types of people that the arson investigator has to work with. On June 17th, police were summoned to an address and the nature of the call was, man with a gun. However, no one responded when the officers knocked on the door. Some time during the night the suspect returned and set the house on fire as witnessed by two women living next door. The suspect took off running when he realized he had been recognized by two women. Later during a time when officers were searching the area, he fired two shots at one witness and made verbal threats. When he was finally located approximately three weeks after the latest fire, officers chased him in the hilltop area and noticed a door had been forced in a vacant structure. One police officer entered the structure with a drawn revolver, but fire captain so and so only stood by the