

patrol car, would have been unable to assist his partner in any manner other than to call for police assistance should the worst have occurred, and later they found a loaded two caliber pistol in his back pocket. Officers responded to a call of a disturbance. Party broke windows at apartment structure and set fire to it. Suspect was standing outside in front and when officers tried to arrest him, he hit them in the mouth and a fight broke out. Then when another officer arrived, the suspect jumped on the hood of the cruiser and went berserk. He had to be...he was subdued, placed in a straightjacket and taken to a hospital. There are several other cases and I don't want to take the time to read them all, but if we as the members of the Legislature have given the authority to deputies from the Sheriff's Department to carry a gun 24 hours a day and can make arrests, I see no reason why the arson investigators shouldn't at least be given the privilege or the right to carry firearms. I urge the members of this body to support LB 205. It is badly needed in Douglas County and I am sure in other parts of the State of Nebraska. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CLARK: I've got Senator Vickers next and then Senator Chambers to close.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, Senator Newell and Senator Goodrich suggested that they would be willing to operate with the State Fire Marshal's office doing it if we took over the operations and supply the costs and so forth. I would suggest to the members of this body that that's not really the question. The question is not the cost. The question is whether or not we are going to allow Omaha to continue doing things as they please, whether or not they want to live under the same regulations the rest of the state does. I think that's the question. It seems to me that, and at least that's what came to light in the building that I was describing to you earlier, their regulations are different than the state laws...state regulations. And I would like to tell you a story of another incident then that is completely unrelated to this but I think illustrates the point that I am trying to make. About two years ago the Public Works Committee had a bill come before it that allowed left turns on red from a one-way to another one-way. It was sent from the Public Works Committee. It was passed by this body. The bill in state law now says that you can make a left turn on red from a one-way to another one-way unless there is a sign up prohibiting the turn, exactly as it is on right turns