

commanding that you produce any paper or document that some fireman says you have to produce. That is the power that you other Senators who don't live in Omaha are granting to the fire division, and if you don't believe it, read the bill. On page 3, "any person subpoenaed shall produce any books, papers, documents or material object which is deemed pertinent to the investigation". It doesn't even say material to the investigation, pertinent, touching on it. And do you know who has sole discretion to determine this? A fireman. Who all has the power to authorize the issuing of these subpoenas? Chief Investigator of the Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit, or other designated head of such unit, or the Chief of the Fire Department, or his or her regularly authorized delegate. This is awesome power. The judges don't even authorize the bailiff to issue warrants and subpoenas. But that is what is being given in this bill so casually. The rest of you can ignore it. I won't. The only way anybody will have of being aware that somebody thought this was a serious issue, a problem worthy of consideration, is to read the transcriptions of this debate, and the only reason I can see that somebody would have to read these transcriptions is if there is an abuse of power under this bill as I am certain will occur. But if you give this bill to Omaha and the people become aware of the fact that it is passed and they heard Senator Newell say that when the fire truck arrives that these people carrying pistols have arrived too. Then if there is jeopardy, everybody on that truck is placed under it. I am opposed to this bill. I think it is totally unnecessary, and for the Legislature to enact a bill like this giving power that it would give to no other official in the state is arbitrary and absolutely irresponsible and inexcusable. I doubt that there is any chance for me to change anybody's mind because I think the votes on this bill are not on its merits but rather on friendship and other considerations. I have done all that I think is within my power to do to stop this bill. I won't have anything else to say on it on General File, but because it is so serious on Select, Senator Newell, you can look for me again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. Senator Newell, do you wish to close?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, Mr. President, Senator Chambers does make me quiver. His tenacity is well known, and his arguments have been restated on numerous occasions. I would like to just make this point very quickly, and I