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SPEAKER MARVEL: Are we...we are talking about the amendment on page 837?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right now I don't want an explanation of the amendment itself. I want the language of the amendment and how we got to that point.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to clarify your amendment, Senator Beutler? Senator Beutler, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I don't want to take up a great deal of time on a bill of this nature, just a note of clarification. What we are voting on is what I explained but technically it is not the amendment that is shown in the Journal. It is the substituted amendment which was the agreed upon compromise between myself and Senator Newell so that is what we are actually voting on. I have explained that. If there is further confusion I would be happy to explain it again.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR NEWELL: Well, because I think there is some confusion I would like to explain basically the difference between what is in the Journal and what is being proposed. It is very simple. It is only in the first section that there has been any change and that change is that we have said...we have taken it from "five" to "six" years as a minimum and we have required that they meet the minimum qualifications of training standards established by city firefighters since in fact there are no state standards which Senator Beutler's original amendment did. That is the only place that there has been any changes. Basically that further clarifies and further strengthens the intent of the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, your light is on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I have got to vindicate on the record my concern for the well-being of the citizens of the state, and if nobody listens or is concerned on this issue, it no longer matters to me. But what I think of myself and my own integrity requires me to put some things in the record. This is a trash bill. I said it before and I will say it again. If you look at your Final Reading copy on page 2, you are defining these individuals as peace officers which means they have every power to enforce every law of the State of Nebraska whether it deals with traffic, crimes or