

confusion on this and I think that confusion is totally unnecessary and unwarranted. We have in here the requirements as the bill would be amended that this be a paid and authorized fire department. We have, in fact, shown in every way that this is a requirement, that they have to go through the same training and that this training will not be slighted. They must go through fire school and police schools. So frankly we are not authorizing here any powers, any powers, that are not already existing for those people who deal with arson on a state level but Omaha, as I said before, has better than fifty percent of all arsons in the State of Nebraska. We are authorizing four individuals, not the entire fire department, but four individuals these authorities. I don't think that there is any great concern here that we haven't already dealt with and analyzed. Senator Johnson, I tried to explain to you before and you sometimes listen and you sometimes don't listen and I always appreciate it when you have fourth or fifth doubts and have made it very apparent that you don't listen and I can appreciate that freedom. That is one that we all have a right to exercise and I might do that in the future a little more myself. So with that, I think that we have thought this through. This is a well thought out...the Beutler amendments add to the clarity that authorizes only one person, Senator Johnson, Senator Goll, Senator Cope, Senator Kilgarin, it authorizes only one person to authorize the use of the subpoena powers. So there is in fact a stricter control now than there was in the original bill. That has to be justified to the chief of the fire division. He has to then authorize this. If there is or if there will be any abuses, I am sure they will be brought to us and that we will fully understand the ramifications, and at that time when we find those abuses which I don't think have occurred in the Fire Marshal's Office, is one of the reasons why I couldn't answer that, and it won't occur in the City of Omaha and that is why I don't think it is a very big concern. But if there are, I promise you, Senator Johnson, that I will be the first to come back in here and amend these provisions. Now, Senator Johnson and the rest of the members of the body, I think that we have dealt with this as honestly and forthrightly as we possible could.

SENATOR CLARK PRESIDING

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds left.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you, Bob, and I think that the provisions and the limitations that Senator Beutler's amendments have authorized make this a better bill in terms of those who are fearful that we are going to be granting guns helter-skelter.