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veto is a very important thing, and when he was nice enough as he was in this case to inform me of his opposition, I had two choices, one is to fully expect and anticipate the veto and try to override, or try to meet his wishes, and I chose I think wisely to meet his wishes, and I would hope that the body would accept this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, again I stand before you on the losing side but on the side of what is right and what is proper. Fortunately, there are people in places other than this Chamber who take note of what we do here, and I think there ought to be a bit of embarrassment, if not shame, at the way the Legislature is backtracking from a position that it officially said was a valid one and not because of any rational reason. A threat by the Governor to veto a bill is not a rational reason for forsaking a principle. I wonder how those Senators feel, the one or two or maybe three who spoke so forcefully in favor of giving these individuals subpoena power, and now all of that is for naught. Some day somebody may review this bill. Maybe somebody in one of Professor Gradwohl's courses that study legislation will look at this bill and observe the flip-flopping of the Legislature which flip-flopping has no rational or logical basis, and derive not only an understanding about this bill, if such is possible, but the mechanics of changing legislation. If the Governor wants to veto the bill, then it would be the obligation of whoever has that bill and thinks that it's important to seek the 30 votes to override the veto. But, obviously, despite all of what we were told about the responsibility of these middleaged gentlemen in Omaha who want to carry these pistols and issue subpoenas, despite the plea that they need these things and that it will be a benefit and a help to them, you suddenly disregard their feelings now. Suppose they are at home when they get the word of this and they start crying and their feelings are hurt because they were made to feel earlier that you believed them, that you thought they needed this power. Senator Newell gave you all of that talk about arson being such a high percentage of the serious crimes that are committed now, and you bought it. He persuaded you that certain tools were necessary for arson investigators to handle this terrible, devastating crime which is on the upswing, and you bought it. You put those provisions in the law to give the tools to these quasi law enforcement, quasi fire fighters. And now you suddenly reverse your field