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drafted, I offer this amendment to clarify it. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to return the bill to Select File. Senator Dworak, do you want to speak to the motion? Your light is on.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, for those of us that have been here several years, I think it becomes, through precedent and past experience, very dangerous when we start writing legislation on the floor making this many significant changes. Now we have all seen bills badgered. We have all seen bills harassed, and there is an element of that here that I think we recognize. But I also think that when the sponsors are scrambling to correct language that is in the bill, we are in a very precarious situation. My only comment is that I don't think the state will sink or fall depending on the success or failure of this particular legislation, and it would appear to me that enough technicalities and enough errors in this piece of legislation has been manifested that I seriously question whether we might not just accept the premise that maybe we should start over next year.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't think this bill has been harassed and badgered at all by me, so perhaps it has been harassed and badgered by those who are in favor of it, because I have had to speak a long time to get the attention of the people who have assured you that this bill has been researched for years...it has been studied for years and nothing is wrong with it. But I trust my judgment and my judgment told me things were wrong with it. And, Senator Dworak, the one thing you said that I can agree with is that when you begin to hasten to write legislation on the floor, errors can be made. So I could make a suggestion to Senator Newell now about the amendment he offered. I think he said that what he would do is strike "any such" and put the word "an", and I would say he should withdraw that amendment and say, "in the course of an arson investigation", and then he has tightened up his definition. I read words and I know a lot of times the things I say people don't agree with and there are points where reasonable people can differ. But sometimes a juncture can be reached where people merely are opposed because of the one who is trying to bring about the changes. You will just have