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LB 296

SENATOR CLARK: I have four of them in my house, but they are not connected to any power source outside of their battery.

SENATOR COPE: This would be an auxillary and this was suggested, I'm not sure who, but the reason for it on new homes they can be wired in reasonably easy but there are times when the current will be off and there will be no smoke alarm. So, by having an auxillary would give you absolute guaranteed protection. (inaudible comment by someone) Yes, both ways, if the battery is dead you still have the electric phase of it. If the electricity is off you have the battery.

SENATOR CLARK: That must be an awfully expensive system to put in, I would think. You are not talking about a ten dollar smoke detector anymore.

SENATOR COPE: This is on new construction and. . . .

SENATOR CLARK: Regardless how it is it is still not a ten dollar. . . .

SENATOR COPE: Yes, it would be more expensive when it is wired in, but as I understand the expense isn't to great to wire in when. . . on a new building. It is when a building, an old building it is very expensive to wire in.

SENATOR CLARK: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, do you wish to close?

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, it will be very short. I appreciate the support on this. I believe that there is a real interest and when you think of the figures that I gave you, the twenty-nine deaths caused by fire in the three thousand plus fires alone, over seven million dollars worth of damage this is a very small investment for any family and the State of Nebraska which is \$40,000. I would ask you to support LB 296 on General File.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of LB 296. All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays on the motion to advance the bill Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried, the bill is advanced. The next is LB 328.