

attend school, they must go through all the course training and so forth of a police office, and we go back towards the end and we further clarify it again in the new language on the back on page 6, it says, "a full-time employee of an organized and paid fire department of any city of the metropolitan class who is an authorized arson investigator." So we are further clarifying this that they are an arson investigator and whose duties are consistent with determining the cause, origin, whose duties...again, whose duties are consistent with determining the cause, origin and circumstances of a fire or explosions while on duty in the course of investigation. Now, Mr. President and members of the body, I have... I am not a lawyer, as many of you know, but I have had Senator Landis' assistance and Senator Buetler's assistance in this matter. I have asked the city if there was any great problem with this, and their lawyers have said there are not. Basically, I would like to now at this point kind of reiterate kind of where this bill has been. The original bill not only granted these officers who frequently come under fear for their lives in the normal course of their duty the opportunity and the right to carry firearms, to carry sidearms so that they may protect themselves. We passed out case histories. The other part of the bill that has now been stricken granted them subpoena powers. Because of some opposition or some belief that the Governor objected to that, we struck that part. So, basically, we are now allowing these individuals to protect themselves. There is, in fact, no justification for Senator Chambers' concerns. He is harassing the bill. He said long ago that his primary purpose was to make sure that these firemen did not have this authority. I think his resentment towards the police and fire divisions of the great City of Omaha have been longstanding and we all know about that. I urge you to support the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Are there any other persons who wish to discuss the motion to return LB 205? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you may close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Newell again did not answer the question even though he called himself explaining the bill. As he tried to go through it, he became aware that there is not the phrase "arson investigation" anywhere in this bill. Even when you get to line 7 of page 2 and it says, "any such investigation", Senator Landis, in a series of questions earlier in the definitional section confirmed that when you say "any such investigation", you