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intention to deceive, you will reject these amendments. If you made them in truth, I don't see how you can reject them. So if any of you have any question as to what the amendment is and what it accomplishes, I am prepared to answer those questions.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, I oppose bringing this back to Select File for this amendment. Now first of all, Senator Chambers has tried to push me into a corner. He is a very apt individual and the corner is simply this, these people are...we are talking about four fire arson investigators in Omaha. Their sole responsibility is the investigation of arson. So it makes, you know, in fact the situation is that's all they do, that is their responsibility. All their duties are arson investigation. This sort of thing says we are going to specify that only during the course of an arson investigation. That means they have to unbuckle their weapons and buckle them back up if they go on a coffee break. You know, I don't know exactly what Senator Chambers is trying to do. I talked to the City Attorney. I talked to other lawyers. There is no problem with this bill. This is harassment, and if he brings it back and if we put this amendment on, it actually creates a problem, and even if it did...we bring it back up and he will offer another kill motion on Final Reading again. Senator Chambers, please vote no. I mean, I...not please vote no, I know I don't have to encourage you to vote no, but would you leave me alone, I just want...you know, I'm getting tired of this. I oppose this amendment. It is not....it actually clutters the bill. It hurts the bill. It is intended to do that. It is intended to hurt this legislation and it is hurting me, and I would urge this body to reject this and pass this bill on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I fail to see how the amendments could hurt the bill. It seems to me we have been talking about providing certain new proposals for certain kinds of individuals and to specify that those are limited to arson investigation is a reasonable kind of amendment. I was a little surprised at Senator Newell as he keeps on objecting. I have not been a supporter of LB 205, but I feel that I could support the proposal if this amendment is added. I cannot support the proposal if it is not added.