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undertaken by them. That is a misrepresentation of what the bill was to do. And as for you adopting the amendment, then the bill has to be written again for Final Reading. That is what happens to bills when they are poorly written, when they are poorly researched, and when there is a desire to hustle them through in total disregard of all the facts that may bear on the issues. So despite the fact that there is opposition to anything being done to correct and improve this bill, I have to persist, and I think when the public becomes aware of this issue, what I say will make a lot more sense to them than what Senator Newell has just tried to sell you and get you to swallow. To put into a bill that is supposed to be limited to arson investigation the words that limit it to arson investigation will hurt the bill, is telling you that he suckered all of you. But I guess you can be in a certain set of circumstances so habitually that pretty soon you are immune to any discussion that would show you what is being done to you. Senator Newell said for me to leave him alone. I am not bothering Senator Newell. I am concerned about the kind of laws that go into the law books in the State of Nebraska. My job is to analyze legislation that comes before me. And if others don't have the persistence, if they grow too tired, if their brains are too weak to deal tenaciously with an issue, those weaknesses they will not obtain with me. And any measure that comes before me that I think has something wrong with it, I am going to try to defeat it altogether if I can. That failing, I am going to try to do as much as I can to convert it into at least a semirespectable piece of legislation. If you buy what Senator Newell has told you, then you know that his intent was not to limit these people's powers to the time they are conducting an arson investigation. He said my amendment would hurt the bill. So if it hurts the bill, that tells you that the intent of the bill was not what Senator Newell told you. I ask that you return this bill and adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to return LB 205 to Select File for the specific amendment which was discussed. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I would like to be sure everybody is in their seat and I will take a roll call vote.

PRESIDENT: Well, everybody should be in their seat. All right, Senator Chambers. The Sergeant at Arms will see that all members are at their seat. We are on Final Reading, so there isn't any....all right, would everyone just press