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I think Senator Landis hit it right on the head that our rules do provide for an opportunity to return a bill after significant amendment on the floor to have another public hearing. I think that is in order at this time. The amendment was printed in the Journal but only about two or three days ago and so I think it is important that the public have a chance to respond to these changes. I did support the amendment so I do support the intent of what Senator Pirsch is trying to accomplish, and Senator Higgins. It is just a question of whether or not it should be in order that the public have a chance to review the amendments and speak out on those, and I think it is proper that they do have that opportunity, and would support the motion to return.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, I would like to close whenever it is appropriate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now is the time when you try and decide what is the better part of valor. I do not feel in my own mind that anything at a public hearing would be added. It has been established in our law and at the same time I understand that if you are not on the Judiciary Committee, if you have not dealt and if you also do not want to give law enforcement officers a separate standing, shall we say, because of their job, then I can see where you would be very much for sending this back to committee for a hearing hoping that it will get buried in the deluge of bills that we have before us. I cannot rant and rave and say that this should not be done. If you feel it should...if you feel better about it, then I cannot oppose that. Again I just say that I feel this has been in our law and that it has been thoroughly discussed, not only discussed but used in the State of Nebraska.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Pirsch a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Pirsch, do you yield?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Pirsch, was there any discussion