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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I suggest that this body be very careful with what we are attempting to do here this morning. If the issue that Senator Nichol is attempting to address is such an important and such an issue that needs to be addressed in such a hurry, it seems to me that the bill LB 860 which I couldn't get the number from a while ago when I was asking questions, but I have found it out now, if that bill was so important then why didn't it have the emergency clause added to it? Now I understand that there is a concern with many people, myself included, with a few bills that we each would like to get enacted that is probably not going to get enacted this year. But to use this procedure to circumvent the committee action to adopt amendments of this nature, inserting another bill into a bill going across the floor, is not good legislation. Our committee structure since this is a unicameral body is structured so that it operates basically as our second house and for us to circumvent that action or to speed up the action is not good for the legislative process. Now Senator Nichol might have a good idea and I certainly might be able to support that idea in a bill that has gone through the regular procedures but I don't think I can support that idea in this manner and I don't think it is wise for us to start dealing with our priority bills in this manner. If we do, we can certainly expect that a number of priority bills are not going to be dealt with if we are going to attempt to insert in various priority bills some of our other pieces of legislation that may or may not be out of committee, may or may not be in the form that the committee would like to have it in and do things in such a hurried manner. I again would point out that if it is such a matter of importance, then LB 860 should have had the emergency clause on it it would seem to me. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you wish to be recognized again?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I first of all would have a question of Senator Nichol. The amendment as I read it would allow the towing of a vehicle directly to the nearest place of secure safe-keeping.

SENATOR NICHOL: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Does that mean secure from the point of view of the owner of the vehicle secure from theft, from vandalism, that type of security or does it simply mean...? What does that mean?