

When you get to the shaky parts of the bill, Mr. Thalken did not want to state what some of this broad language meant, nor whether it could be used for the purpose of harassing public officials or people who are not public officials into discussing things that have nothing to do with the prosecution. And all you would have to do apparently under this bill is say that you will not be prosecuted yourself although you might, even under what Senator Sieck told you. Whatever is in the public interest can lead to a compelling of testimony. I think the language is too loose. I think the issue is too serious and if something has to be done in this area or if something should be done and one of my colleagues suggested that maybe the present statute needs to be looked at, then an interim study could be conducted over the summer and during the hearing none of the people testifying for this bill were able to list any significant number of cases where such a bill like this is warranted. So since there is no compelling need for this thing to be done at all, and certainly not in the fashion that it's being done now I would suggest that we wipe this bill out for this year. Then if the County Attorneys Association, in fact, has enough concern and think that this is an important issue, see if they can show a justification for an interim hearing or study and based on that that I've said already, I think the bill ought to be returned and enacting clause stricken.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is that the bill be returned for a specific purpose or a specific amendment and that amendment is to strike the enacting clause. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers requests a record vote. (Read record vote as found on page 1014 of the Legislative Journal.) 17 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion lost. Okay, read the bill.

CLERK: (Read LB 525 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: All provisions of law having been complied with the question is, shall the bill pass on Final Reading. Those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Have you all voted?

CLERK: (Read record vote found on pages 1015-1016 of the Legislative Journal.) 29 ayes, 16 nays, 2 excused and not voting, 2 present and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The bill is passed on Final Reading. The next bill, 375, the Clerk will read.