

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers moves to amend the Pirsch/Bernard-Stevens amendment. (Read. See page 1871 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, and I wish Senator Bernard-Stevens would listen up. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you persuaded me this morning that we have some people wearing the uniform who are not really bright, and you have to put in each section of statute what it is they may and may not do. So what I am doing is not touching your amendment that you had this morning, I am just further clarifying it, and my amendment says, in effect, that in line 7 where it is talking about a peace officer may make an arrest, that where that word "may" appears, it means that the officer may make an arrest but he or she is not required to do so, and I think that makes it crystal clear for those officers that you have out there in your part of the country who are not too conversant, not only with English but the law, itself. And I don't see that this takes anything away from the law and, Senator Bernard-Stevens, it won't hurt anything. How do you feel about that?

PRESIDENT: Did you wish to respond, Senator Bernard-Stevens? Was that a question?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Oh, I would be delighted. I can't pass up on something like that. Senator Chambers, I think it is just a peachy amendment on there and I just want to clarify something particularly that in my particular area there are no problems with law enforcement, as you know, just like there are none in Omaha, as I am sure you are aware. But as you are aware, we need clarification sometimes and I think we could extend it a little bit further. Senator Chambers, you and I can get together and actually define in statute what a not voting means in this body particularly, so we can say it is not really voting against, it is not really voting for, it is just kind of not making a decision because I am too lazy to make a decision on that. We might want to do that in here as well. To a degree you are right, it doesn't hurt. It certainly helps clarify. I think it is a dandy amendment and I certainly would go along with it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I will withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: It is that good. Okay, do you have anything else on