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approve the \$25,000, that we are spending money a lot, lot more foolishly than this and I urge you to vote to advance 505.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, just a couple of words and for Senator Haberman and what he is trying to do. These things that we are talking about in this bill is getting more and more serious and if there is anything that disturbs me it is to see what I read about at least and have seen some of it of what is happening here in the way of abuse of children that are helpless. \$25,000 is a drop in the bucket. What we ought to be doing is need to take care of this situation. I support the bill and support it strongly.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Haberman a question or two. What are you really doing...?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to direct your remarks to Senator Simon?

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, Senator Simon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon.

SENATOR KAHLE: What will you be doing that we aren't doing now that will stop this, I guess?

SENATOR SIMON: The amendments which becomes the bill sets up a twenty-four hour hot line that is tremendously important. We do not have a hot line right now. Let me give you if I might and yes, I see that you are reading the paper that I passed out and I would like to publicly go on record in thanking the World Herald for giving me copies of this article on child abuse and these are the figures that I would like to have you listen to, Senator Kahle. In Missouri where they implemented a hot line, before they had it between 1970 and 1975, they had 5,000 reports. After they implemented the hot line just for the period of that next one year, they received 19,000 reports, 5,000 reports in a period of five years, 19,000 reports in one year after the implementation of the hot line. In Iowa they had 100 reports and then after they went to the hot line, with a broader definition, they