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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, Emory Burnett has a note and then we will proceed.

EMORY BURNETT: I am going to be very brief...

SPEAKER MARVEL: This will remind us that we are getting down toward the end of the session.

EMORY BURNETT: ...and to help stave off heart attack, I am not here to report computer problems. I am here to make a request of you though that can help me avoid possible problems in the future. I do have limited space on the computer and after a session I have to wipe out everything I can to prepare for the next year but there are certainly some bills that were drafted for this year but not introduced and possibly some that have been indefinitely postponed that you might want another try at. I would appreciate it if you would give me a note and let me know what request numbers or what bill numbers you would like to have saved.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, if you want to find a way, if I appear to you as Dracula, and you want to find the stake that you can drive through my heart, then look at evil things that are done to little children. If I have an Achilles' heel that would be the children. If my strength and weakness could be found in any one location it wouldn't be like Sampson where his hair is cut off and he is weak but it would be in the way children are dealt with. The state does stand in many instances in place of the parents. Senator Stoney, others on the floor like Senator Kremer and others who make a public profession of religion have their view which they think is legitimate, valid and proper for them and I do not object to that. As I always say if a person believing that worshipping sticks and stones, the sun, the moon, the stars are pantheism, if believing that would cause that person to treat me right, then I say "right on" for whatever it is they believe in and give it to everybody so that my children do not have to get a court order to go to school because they have the complexion that I have which Christians tell me God caused. Well if God caused me to be as I am why am I condemned for it and treated in a derogatory fashion as a result of that? Why do the Christians demean me? Why will they put up, if I move into the neighborhood, a sign, "For Sale", "For Sale," "For Sale." Then it would take a nonbeliever to complete the progression with a sign that would say, "For Shame." So when I hear the public protestations about religion but