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**SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, if I could have your attention for just a few minutes. I know there is some increased activity on the floor because of the advancement of the bill. Let me share with you just a couple of thoughts and ask for your continued support as we try to move through the budget bills yet this afternoon, if at all possible. We have taken a lot of time on some bills. There are some of you who are now expressing some concern. That concern has been expressed on the floor even yet this afternoon. (Gavel.) It is necessary for me to suggest to you that those of you who are concerned about your priority bills not being handled are right on target. It is entirely possible, in fact, becoming unlikely that a number of priority bills will not be heard for the first time this session. I would urge you to exercise some self-discipline in terms of staying close to this Legislative Chamber. The calls of the house are becoming a little unnecessary. I would ask that you exercise some self-discipline in your discussion on the floor in terms of length of time. I'm not trying to squash anything, I am suggesting that the clock is running very, very rapidly. I would suggest that you urge and use some self-discipline in bringing amendments back two and three and four times. I would urge that you pull amendments which are really not serious in which you wish to make a statement or perhaps do a little hassling. I would ask that you use restraint in getting excused. Late afternoons are becoming a problem when at a quarter of four we have 12 excused members. I would ask that you consider your colleagues in these final few days of the session. With nine working days remaining, this is becoming increasingly more serious. We need to move the budget bill, if at all possible, no later than tomorrow. I had hoped that we could move it today. I had hoped that we could start working a little later in the day which, because of other obligations, is becoming more difficult as well. So those of you who are concerned are absolutely correct. I would ask for your continued support so that we can make these last nine days meaningful. The session still has some great possibilities. Any questions? Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** I thought that hammer was Speaker proof.

**SENATOR BARRETT:** (Laugh.) You don't know Mr. Barrett when he gets angry. I say this in a spirit of Christian love and all that sort of thing, I'm concerned, and I say that for you,