

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...easy choices complicate the problem.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I'll give my time to Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Members of the Legislature, this is like one of those situations that is similar to the song that said, I could have danced all night. I told you all I could stay here for 80 hours and I mean it, and since some of you have voted for us to stay here, I want to show you that this is to me a very serious matter and that it's possible to discuss it for the period of time we have while talking about the issue itself. I think the issue is so complex that if a Legislature is seriously going to consider it, Senator Ashford is not looking at me, but I wish he'd turn the other way. (laugh) Thank you. I'm always sure that I've got to address my remarks to whoever is looking at me...now, there goes Jacky Smith. She knows that she can make me melt with one of those kind of looks, I told on you, didn't I, so I'm not going to look at her. But you all know the stories from mythology about certain sounds that can be made that lure unsuspecting sailors to their death on the rocks because the rocks are magnetized and when the ship comes close either the magnets draw the nails out, the ship comes apart, it sinks and everybody drowns, or if they didn't have nails in it in those days, to cover every possibility they're just so beguiled by the siren's song that they forget where they are and they run upon the rocks and crash and get killed and the sirens laugh and the sirens are always females. Remember the lady who had snakes for hair and the snakes were the outgrowth of the convolutions of her brain which was the convolutions of a brain that is wicked and the only thing that could grow from such a terrible brain are living serpents? And if you looked upon this woman's face, what happened to you? You turned into stone. The woman again, always the woman. Everything bad in mythology starts with a woman and I've mentioned this before, and I'm not going to go into Prometheus and all those other characters, or Zeus or Hera or the gods of maybe a religion that I believe in which you all call mythology, but which, to set your minds at ease, I don't really believe in anymore than some people believe in