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CLERK: Senator, this is the one I had earlier from you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, what I'm going to do is if I can get unanimous consent withdraw that and offer this one that I have in my hand, which I think more correctly or accurately deals with the issue.

SPEAKER WITHEM: We have a request before the body for a substitution. Is there any objection? Hearing none, it is so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the E & R amendments, page 1, line 19, first line 19, after section... after reference to Section 28-313 add "when committed with a sexual purpose or intent." And in line 23 after 28-315, add that same language. Senator, am I reading it correctly? (See FA452 on page 876 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, you are. And, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the reason I wanted the Clerk to read it was so that it would be in the record exactly what this language would do. What my original version of this amendment that I'm offering would have done, was to simply strike all of the language in lines 19, I have to look at the E & R amendment to get it correct, lines 19 through 23 that deal with kidnapping and false imprisonment. My argument is that since this whole bill is talking about people who are going to receive a designation as a dangerous sexual...or dangerous sex offender, the offenses which would result in that designation should have to be of a sexual kind. This Legislature is behaving in a very irrational manner if it is going to agree to put into a law of this sort offenses not sexual in nature which can be used to label a person a dangerous sexual offender. When we were on General File, I did not try to stop the bill even though I had these concerns, I said I would offer the amendment to strike that language on Select. Well, even though I've been here 26 years and I should have known better, I let the bill move and I shouldn't have, but I'm not going to let it move today. And I think this is going to be the first bill that the Speaker is going to have to declare one of his superpriorities because I'm going to do all I can to stop it. Senator Abboud just told me that there are orders from the federal government that kidnapping and false arrest must be in this bill. Therefore, my amendment cannot be adopted. In trying to work with Senator