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they should, so I got involved. And through our cooperative effort, we cleaned out what some people refer to as a nest of vipers. We didn't just get the underlings; we went all the way to the top. And I think I owe it to Senator Vrtiska to mention that specific incident that I know about so he will not think, when I make a generalization, I've forgotten the concern he showed for these students, who were far from home in a community that was very hostile to them and they felt they were virtually friendless. So, Senator Vrtiska, I want to make that acknowledgement. Now back to the Madison, as a song had said. It doesn't really make any difference what I talk about on these motions, because I'm just burning time off the clock. The question is, will I wear out before you all wear out? I don't know if we'll be on the budget bills tomorrow, but if we are I'm going to be doing the same thing tomorrow that I'm doing right now. And whereas I can respect Senator Bourne's position...she's not even looking at me...Senator Stuhr's position, and the position of all of those who want to preserve the windfall of public money that's going to these private schools, I will not say they are less sincere in their position than I am in mine, but I'll say they're less determined, because I'm not going to go away and there's nobody outside this Chamber that can pull my chain. But there are a lot of people who have an interest in what's in this budget bill. But we can always come back. That's the wonderful thing about the Legislature. We're like Dracula, except we cannot summon ourselves back...there's some question, despite a statute, whether that can be done...but the Governor can and the Governor will if we don't get everything done here now that we should. And if we have to bring an entire budget, as thick as what we have before us now, PEAP will probably be in there, so we'll do some of this during the special session, but you may be able to get a cloture then. But if you get it before you got consensus on what is needed to be done to balance the budget, then what? Well, we go home and then we come back again. It doesn't make me any difference. I have not spent a lot of time today discussing the budget. However, I did spend considerable time in a discussion with Senator Bourne, trying to teach him how to pronounce the word that is spelled n-u-c-l-e-a-r. I was trying to teach him how to say nu-cle-ar, nuclear. It comes from nucleus. And then he stands on the floor and asks, is this a nucular (phonetic)