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frankly tell you that even though I support many of these charities, driving down the street, trying to drive safely, in many cases I think I'm offended. It's an intimidating form as you drive through these, and I've only done it a couple times because I don't regularly spend my time in municipalities, but when it's done it is intimidating. If you're concentrating on what you're doing, making left turns, and many times they are in the left turn lane, as I've observed, you're trying to make a traffic light and other things and you're being distracted. It just doesn't seem feasible for the state and/or the municipalities to put themselves in a place of condoning this type of activity, and I really would urge your opposition to this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. On with discussion, advancement of LB 7. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is one time Senator Baker did a good deed for the state and the people. Senator Baker, I will call the "staker," because he took a wooden stake and drove it not only into the chest and through the heart of Dracula, but out the back. This bill is dead, Senator Bourne, Senator Dwite Pedersen. And it's not that people think Senator Pedersen is not trying to do something that's of value. Nobody, I don't think, has expressed opposition to the charities that were named which might benefit. But also, there's been no delineating what constitutes "charitable." If I am poor and I do something for myself, that could be considered charity. If I need some money to repair my house, that is going to improve the appearance of the community, so it's community betterment. Anything could fit within those terms. Anybody would have to be given authorization and approval by the city or whoever is going to grant this approval. If the state passes this bill and bucks the whole thing to a city council, you don't know whether that city council's ordinance will establish a permit system where a person has to purchase a permit, have the permit in plain sight, and written on it in large enough letters to be read by people in vehicles that this person is authorized to beg, so law enforcement people will leave that individual alone. The problems that inhere in trying to have the state create a set of circumstances for a