

budget are important. It is important especially in view of the fact that what we do here, what we say here will affect the tone of the final eleven days of this body. I said it before and I agree to a certain extent with Senator Chambers. I certainly do not disparage the idea that there may be some unidentified flying object floating around the atmosphere or into space but I do think there are better ways for this state to use its resources. I think there are plenty of people who are qualified to handle that sort of research and I really don't know what is going to be accomplished by trying to set up one more clerk and one more office. As we have found out in the past, any time you put on an employee you need to hire a typewriter and filing cabinets, desk, office space, heat the space, clean it up, repaint it, all of the various and sundry activities that go with human occupancy. I think it is important that we somewhere recognize that there are limits to what the people will accept. There are going to be some of you that are going to be asked how you voted on the UFO amendment and that is going to be a little tough to explain. You can say it is only \$7,500 bucks but tell that to some widow that is living on a lot less than that. We can all relate to \$7,500, ladies and gentlemen. Now the seven and a half million dollar projects or even the \$200,000 projects and the \$600,000 projects are a little difficult for us to relate to but a \$7,500 appropriation for nonsense is just that. It cannot be justified and cannot be supported. We know it is not very much money. That is not the point. The point is if there are 7,500 bucks in that budget that cannot be substantiated, that cannot be supported, that cannot be proven as being essential to this Legislature, then it ought to be scrapped. Senator Chambers makes a point of paying the chaplain. Senator Chambers, there are people who didn't believe in God when they got into one of my helicopters but before they got out they did. I am not suggesting that you would because you don't move that easily but the point I want to make is that none of us can possibly and this body collectively cannot endorse every single whim and every single idea that might be brought to the committee for consideration. There are vital responsibilities of this Legislature that are going to go unmet this legislative session because we don't have the funds, while at the same time, we are expending funds in areas that cannot be justified. If the amount of money were not so insignificant it would be considered very poor taste to say the least but because it is an insignificant amount of money in the large budget, we take it lightly. Ladies and gentlemen,