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SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, what is your question?

SENATOR MERZ: Wouldn't this be a legal contract we have with the man to perform this duty?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Chambers, do you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will. Senator Merz, the Legislature can modify any of these issues that are passed by a vote, because if you want to talk about contracts and legal agreements, you have to say these are moral type agreements. The prior Executive Board had hired in the same fashion a different individual, but there was some first day bartering and trading, and the Chaplain agreed to be a part of it apparently, and he was bartered along with everything else, and the other man was bounced after having been given the job and this other one was taken, so contracts in the Legislature and with religion have as little meaning as a contract with a football coach.

SENATOR MERZ: But Senator Chambers...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes...

SENATOR MERZ: Didn't we make a vote on the floor to retain him?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, you've already asked that question. Do you have any other questions?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, the majority voted to do that.

SENATOR MERZ: I think that is as far as we need to carry this. I think we must stay with our contract then, but I would ask you to consider if this be your prerogative why don't you start on next year then, and get something so this don't happen again. I think you should stop the ball before it started rolling, and I think you better start on next year. You'll have better luck. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, 30 silver dollars...I'm certain that Senator Paul Chambers...excuse me, Senator Ernie Chambers expected that to be \$30.00. But a silver dollar today is in the neighborhood of \$6.00. If we pass this motion, I would favor that because I believe that's about the area at which the Chaplain should be paid...would be around a \$150.00 a month for his services, and 30 silver dollars, paid in silver dollars, would be pretty close to that. So there is a chance that I may support this motion, but I doubt it.