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preachers in here that nobody even wants to hear. Why do you think the Chamber is empty when they come? I hope the word goes out to these preachers that I critique them, and I speak disparagingly of them, how they are so lacking in substance and value that they got to come, pray before an empty Legislative Chamber, and that is their shining hour. And they think somebody is paying attention to them when they get up there with their little piece of paper and read their little prayer. They don't need to come here and pray. That's what one rabbi said, and I'll show you the article. I can pray for them in my study, I don't need to go there and pray to an empty Chamber. But here's where his mistake comes in. He's not praying to the Chamber; certainly not praying to Chambers. He's praying to God. But his feeling might be, well, God can hear me from my study as well as he can hear me from an empty Legislative Chamber. How much good has all that praying done anybody in here? It didn't do any good for the bigots who voted against protecting people from discrimination. Maybe that's because the prayer didn't contain those magic abracadabra words and tell them that what you're doing should not be done. I know you all thought that when we got here today I was just going to sit back, swallow spit and go along and say I want my colleagues to feel good. Now I don't want you to feel good. I don't want you to feel good at all. And I know you're not going to be ashamed. That's out of the question. Talk about messages from a higher power, talk about messages from a higher power, I fear no man, as I've said on many occasions, but I have a message from a higher power, Cindy, and sometimes that will cause me to pause. It has nothing to do with what I'm doing at this point because nothing can deter me from that. Now we're going to go out of here pretty soon and you all can go chow down. Then you only have 12 hours left to listen to me. We have not finished Senator Bromm's bill yet, but I have a feeling that his bill is going to advance, and I further feel that it probably will get on over to Final Reading and may be read on Final Reading, unless that old perverse angel gets into me on Final Reading and I decide to have a little fun there, too,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in which case I will set the tone of our