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the pope and they nudged him, 81 years old. He doesn't know a lot that's going on. So he bestirred himself to the extent that he could and he said, what should I do? And they said, get them cardinals in here; we got to keep that American money flowing, so to get those American Catholics to giving that money again we've got to give the appearance that we're doing something to solve this problem. Why is it not a problem for this Legislature when you have documented cases of child abuse and church leaders who covered up the abuse and protected and shielded the perpetrators? You just got through passing a bill to make these sexual predators, as you called them in the legislation, register. Why don't you tell the Attorney General here to undertake an investigation of how the Catholic Church leaders have protected, and may still be doing so, known child molesters? They are criminals even if they wear collars, Roman collars, even if they wear robes, even if they profess to have the power to turn bread into flesh and wine into blood, even if they sit in a little box and have other grown people come to them and tell them all their business.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All they are, are men, and when they've done wrong against the law, all they are is criminals and, when that violation involves assaulting sexually young children, they are criminals of the worst order. And those criminals are in all the orders found in the Catholic Church, and now they acknowledge, not just in America, but everywhere that Catholic priests gather. Do you know they have orders of nuns who do nothing but pray for the church based on the problems that come out every day in the media that are being caused by priests? I didn't know that till I saw it on television. That's all they do, is pray about that. What they need is to get somebody with feet as big as mine to put in the rumps of some of those priests and those others who cover up for these wrongdoers. They don't need to be prayed for. They need somebody to go upside their head with a well-placed fist,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...like some of the people want to do when