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and religion should not intermeddle with the states. They have separate and distinct spheres. There was to be a proposition to place a small tithe on all of the citizens in Virginia to support any church of anybody's choice, and Madison and his colleagues said, it is not the amount of the tithe that is the problem, it is the tithe itself, therefore, whether the amount be small or large the principle has no validity, therefore it should be fought. While people try to talk about Thomas Jefferson and prayers they fail to realize that when he was President of the United States and asked, Senator Kremer, to declare a day of prayer to focus attention on moral values, Thomas Jefferson refused to do even that saying there should be no recognition of religion by the state. There should not be recognition of any individual religion nor of all religions. If you are going to go through the sham and the charade of pretending that the Chaplain means something and this thing that Senator Dworak put together which is a hybrid of having a Chaplain Coordinator, that is a source of mirth and merriment, a Chaplain Coordinator. Well, if the purpose of having a Chaplain Coordinator is to avoid appointing a specific person as Chaplain, which contrary to Senator DeCamp's remarks Judge Urbom's decision did indicate that if you appoint one representative of one religion who serves as Chaplain even for the period of a session, there could be too much entanglement of the state with religion, so you ought to read that decision. Why not set up a Chaplain Coordination Committee so that you don't just have one Protestant Christian preacher deciding who will come. What are the criteria by which a determination is made of who qualifies to give a prayer up here or whatever the person wants to offer. Why don't you find a member of every possible religion, cult and whatever and put those people on a committee and let them by majority vote decide who will come up here and regale the Senators every morning? There is not a Senator on this floor who can stand and say that the Legislature is one whit better as a result of these prayers, but there are many people outside this Legislature who see a blurring of a very important constitutional principle and the Constitution should have significance. Everybody, I think, should consider the realities that we face. Religion has no place in the government. There is much talk and discussion of the so-called moral majority. I think as long as they want to make comments they have as much right to speak freely as anybody else but they don't have the right to have put into government practices that are purely religious. For those who happen to be in a majority and the preacher representing their point of view is the one standing up there, everything is all right. But suppose