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say and I don't want to do it on point of personal privilege, although I should, about the prayer as it was called that was rendered this morning. I am offended when somebody gets up there under the guise of saying a prayer and gives a lecture and makes political statements, some of which, in my opinion, are highly inflammatory. To equate people on welfare with being lazy is reprehensible, it is unjust, it is factually wrong. To imply by saying perversion is characterized as a different lifestyle, to me is an oblique and cowardly way of making a frontal attack against people who are gay or lesbian. To speak against multiculturalism and condemn it is totally inappropriate in a so-called prayer. These people who stand up there every morning and posture and play with religion are not there to preach sermons. They are not there to make political declarations. And we have in our rules a provision that nobody is to address the Legislature without leave of the Legislature. And if one of these people, masquerading as a preacher, a minister, a rabbi, or whatever, is going to get up there and make the kind of political statements that were made this morning, I'm going to come to the floor and I'm going to call for a point of order and insist that that person sit down and be quiet. A prayer is supposed... although I don't do it, when I was a child I used to, a prayer is addressed to God. And all this mess and this nonsense which these people who have their moment in the spotlight in front of the Legislature try to foist onto the state and the members of the Legislature is inappropriate. Parson, the parson who works for the Legislature did it this morning and I'm going to bring it up in the Executive Board. And if you all are going to agree, because you call yourselves religious, to let people stand up there and think they're going to get a free ride from me in making those political statements, I'm going to show you that I will stand for my rights and the rights of everybody else who don't share your religious point of view. And we will debate it on the floor and I'll debate it with the person up there, except I will insist that the person be told to excuse himself or herself. I feel the line was drawn this morning, the cudgel was thrown down, and I'm accepting the challenge. There have been other instances where these people who were supposed to make a prayer stood up there and preached and went into other types of things that in my opinion were inappropriate. This was one of the most explicit types of political posturing that I have seen while they're supposed to be offering a prayer. I don't listen to them all the time. I wanted to make that point clear and get it out of the way early

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