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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is one of those areas that needs to be hashed and thrashed out. The last ones who would object to what I'm doing are the religious people, if they are truly religious, in the highest sense and meaning of that term. The term "religious" is an adjective. If you take the noun, which is "religion," you could define that more easily perhaps, but anybody who belongs to or professes a religion will state what that word means to him or her. It could be the relationship between this person and whatever higher powers of a supernatural order would exist, and somebody else would say, well, it just doesn't include that relationship, but the things that flow from it, which would be to treat everybody the way I want to be treated, to take care of my debts, and all these other things. So you could begin to subdivide it, but the idea is this. The general notion of religion is that a supernatural or extra-natural being, force or power that influences and controls the activities of human beings is in existence, and that power can take the form of one, two, three, or a multiplicity of personalities and descriptive entities. But when we come to the operation of the state's laws, they should impact on everybody the same way when the everybody we're talking about comprises people and entities who are similarly situated. If you had a guy, who's got a long beard, or no facial or cranial hair whatsoever, sitting out in the woods somewhere under a tree communing with nature, you don't tax that person because that person is not generating anything of value of the nature or type that is taxed. When you have entities that engage in trade, that are entrepreneurial in their nature, they should insist on paying taxes. Since they are to set the example for the rest of us, they should show us by their conduct and example that the onerous duties and necessities that a citizen must assume in order for the society to function are the very types of things that these religions and religious people are going to point the way. Why should they point the way? Because they are the city set on a hill, the city that cannot be hid, the one that casts the light, the ones whose conduct will cause other lesser-informed mortals to say, what is it that you've got that makes you so different from me? I don't like to pay my debts and if I can get out of paying them, I will. But you pay debts. You pay taxes where they