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philosophy, and I will fight against that. But since the only thing before us this morning is the situation that Senator Cunningham's bill presents to us, I'm going to support it. Because it is putting in place that philosophy, that position on the part of the Legislature as a policy, that the weak should be defended against the strong. Although I don't come up here in the morning, I have my monitor on downstairs so I can determine when all the ceremonies are over and we're starting to check in, and I can come up and deal with the business we're here to deal with, which is legislation, not salvation, I notice that many of my colleagues, probably the majority, are following my wise example and absenting themselves from this Chamber when the prayer, or whatever they choose to call it, is going forth. Why go through the charade...or, as I heard a Britisher pronounce it, talking about another subject, the "charodd," as though the latter part of the word is "o-d-d." Why go through that? Because form rules over substance in this place. If the fine words articulated by people who stand up there and presume to pray were guides for conduct, a lot of the kind of bills we have wouldn't even be in here, because they are oppressive and unfair to those people who cannot help themselves. Practically everybody who stands up there and intones and sermonizes is doing it in the name of Jesus. I don't know whether there was a Jesus. Why should I bring this up on the floor? Because you all bring him in here every day. And if you don't want me to talk about him, don't bring him in here. Any subject that you all introduce to this Legislature, I'm going to talk about. So what I say about Jesus, whether he was an actual person is of no moment, whether he represents the gathering together of a lot of traits from different people who lived at different times, they're combined into an entity, coalesced, and given the name Jesus, is of no moment to me. If you look at the stories that are told about...whether this is a person or a concoction, when you look at the stories told about this individual, the aim seems to be to teach people lessons about how to live their life and, in living their life appropriately, how to treat other people. And the ones that concoction spent a lot of time speaking on behalf of are those who are not given consideration by this Legislature, even though somebody stands up there and prays every day to him. And one of the statements he made was in the form of a question: Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and