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forgot, it or they forgot, whatever your preference in designating that superhuman, supernatural critter might be, I can certainly repeat when addressing my colleagues. Nobody in here is all-knowing. Sometimes people are inattentive, they forget. But one methodology of all levels of instruction is repetition, underscoring, and I'm going to repeat, and repeat, and repeat yet again. Do I feel strongly enough about this issue to repeat and repeat and repeat yet again? If all the senators would go to their offices and there would be as few on this floor listening to me as there are listening to the prayer in the morning, I would not be deterred at all because I know you're going to listen. And I have a little message for you this morning, and anybody who is interested, I'll hand it out to you. It's called, or titled, SPEAKING OF "CHRISTIAN CHARITY"... by Ernie Chambers: "As this Session grinds on, / You'll wish me deep in Hell; / Consider a suggestion, / Which may serve you well: / Offer up a kind word, / Not for Auld Lang Syne, / But rather for the fate, / Unkind, that you wish were mine. / So I fight your bill -- / Your anger is unfurled; / Good grief! Get a grip! / It's not the ending of the World. / Firmly hold your horses; / Keep your powder dry -- / Learn from my example: / Try and try and try. / Though you may eschew that, / Stop and 'mend some fences;' / Don't forget: IF NOT FOR ME, / YOU'D NOT BE PAID EXPENSES. / With that warm remembrance, / Notched deep in your mind, / It may prove less difficult / For all of you to find, / Wherewithal to moderate / Thoughts that make you 'mad;' / Substituting in their place: / 'Ernie's not so bad!' / Though we'll never form a choir, / Joining in a song, / Can't we -- for the common good -- / All, JUST GET ALONG? / 'NO!!!!' the irate chorus, / Wells from angry folk; / 'Ernie's not so bad -- he's WORSE! / Hell's fires, let him stoke!" Dramatic pause for effect--I give myself instructions here to guide me. "So much, then for Charity; / Here, it has no force. / We shall all do what we must --/ AND LET THINGS TAKE THEIR COURSE...." That, I think, indicates the way the rest of the session may proceed. I'm going to take all the time that I need on every issue that comes before us, to try to see that some justice is done for those people and those groups who need to receive justice. I was looking at something very unfortunate that happened in the Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska. There's a church named after St. Anthony, and that church is presided over