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somebody is willing to tell me that God is a mouse, then I'm willing to start a religion and I will cleave to that religion, and whatever mouse-god says should be done, that I will do. I have watched my colleagues come on the floor every morning that they come into session and pray to somebody or other, and nothing happens. Their conduct doesn't change. The quality of legislation does not change. The voiceless, the poor, the wretched of the earth remain in those disadvantaged statuses despite all these prayers. If somebody comes up here and I know in advance that that person is going to pray to the mouse-god, I'll come up here. I will stand reverently and see what the person asks of that god. Then I will see if that god will answer. But so far, I have to say, about the God that these people who come around here and pray to, what the religious people in the "Bibble" said when they were ridiculing other people who had what these biblical people called false gods: Why do you cry so loud? Is your God hard of hearing? Why do you pray so long? Is your God asleep? Why does your God never answer? Is your God on vacation? Well, I'll turn that around and put it to the people who pray here: Why do you all say the same prayers, basically, every day and they do no good? Is your God asleep? Does your God not speak English? Is your God rejecting you? Well, now I'm going to get to my amendment. It's clear that if there's a god of this machine, I'm out of favor. So what I would ask is that the Clerk read my amendment, because it's not very lengthy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend by adding a new section which would read: "In the interest of production agriculture, meetings shall be held only on rainy days or at night since hay must be made while the sun shines."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm as serious about this as this commission will allow me to be. When it comes to production agriculture, we need to look out for the interests of the people who are in that failing activity, so the meetings would be conducted only at night, only during rainy weather, because hay must be made while the sun shines. So we don't want any meetings in the daytime. We don't want any