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that some senators appreciate, others ignore, and at least one finds extremely offensive. Guess who that one is. (Humming "Jeopardy") You give? Think about it. I'm not going to give you the answer. On a typical day last month, the Reverend Lowell Hennigs of Lincoln's Our Savior Lutheran Church stepped to the podium and gave a short but well-crafted invocation. He asked God to, quote, bless those who hold office in our state, and those who serve in our Legislature, that they may do their work today and each day in a spirit of wisdom, kindness, and justice. You know from being around here his prayer certainly wasn't answered. Help them use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote the general welfare, unquote. In accordance with official guidelines, the prayer made no reference to any topic on the senators' agenda. Hennigs explained that in preparing the prayer, quote, I looked at the guidance we get in our own Evangelical Lutheran Church in America hymnal and prayer books for praying for those in elected positions. From our Lutheran tradition, we understand that God works not only through the structure of the church, but also through secular institutions. Hennigs said, prayers in the Legislature are appropriate, he said, because, quote, "Chrishians"...Christians are players in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the public square, and have a set of values that should be expressed. And in the public squares of old, they entertained by burning people at the stake because they disagreed. And the Catholics called it an auto-da-fe, an act of faith. And they'd turn the person, supposedly, over to the civil authorities to burn the individual to death, because in their Christian, hypocritical tradition, they had prayed for the person's soul, and perhaps burning the person alive would cleanse him or her enough so that God would let that person come into heaven. An act of faith. Let me continue. But the minister said he intentionally omitted the name of Jesus, something he would normally include in a prayer, out of respect for the diversity of the group. So he respects the diversity of the group...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.