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watching. I can sense you out there. I sense evil spirits when they're present, and they're present and abroad in the senators' offices this morning. You know you're listening. I've been around here so long, I know your ways better than you do. Continuing: In 1980, Chambers filed a suit against the prayers and the \$319 per month that the Reverend Bob Palmer, then minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, was paid...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to give the daily invocation. A federal appeals court ruled the prayers were proper, but state funds could not be used to pay the chaplain or publish the prayers. Palmer continued as Chaplain Coordinator without pay until he left Lincoln in 1987 to lead a church in Florida. And since my time is up, just about, I'll stop there, and resume when I have another opportunity. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're welcome. You've heard the closing on the Chambers amendment to the permanent rules. The question before the body is, shall the Chambers amendment be adopted?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction)...for a call of the house.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye; these opposed vote nay. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators report to the Chamber. The house is under call. House is under call. All unexcused senators please report to the Chamber. Senator Cunningham, Senator Landis, would you check in, please. Thank you. Senator Schimek, would you check in, please. Thank you. Senator Burling, please. Senator Preister, Senator Stuthman, Senator Synowiecki, and Senator Bourne. Senator Engel. I'm sorry. You are here.