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important for senators to recognize God as they begin their work each day. You wouldn't know God if he walked in here and spoke to you. But anyway, he said it's good for you to recognize God. Quote, you can separate church and state all you want to, but if the Legislature tried to operate outside the influence of our Creator, we're probably all in trouble, he said. You think I operate outside the influence of your Creator? I probably do, because I do put you all in a lot of trouble, huh? Senator Dave Landis of Lincoln doesn't necessarily agree with that, but said he has no problem with the prayers so long as they are nonpolitical. Quote, it doesn't offend me, but I'm glad we don't spend money on it, he said. It's just a moment of quietude that has a gathering effect, unquote. Religious values such as compassion, understanding, forgiveness, responsibility, and recognizing the humanity of others, are appropriate in the Legislature, Landis said, but I would be offended if it became a pulpit for political advocacy, unquote. Bless you, my son. Johnson himself got in trouble several years ago for quoting verbatim a prayer that was delivered by a Reverend Joe Wright to open a session of the Kansas Legislature. The prayer said, in part, we have worshipped other Gods and called it multiculturalism, we have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle, we have exploited the poor and called it the lottery,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we have rewarded laziness and called it welfare, we have killed our unborn and called it choice, we have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. And when I heard him saying that, I hit the ceiling, but I couldn't get up here quick enough to grab him by the scruff of his neck and drag him down from there and throw him out of here. He's supposed to be...that's supposed to be religion, and he's up there talking mess? And I did take issue with it, because I don't let things just slide.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion. Senator Fischer.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator