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Chambers yield to a question, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In the spirit of Christianity, no. But in the spirit of my position, I certainly will.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You're welcome.

SENATOR FISCHER: I have a question for you. Last year, I believe I gave two prayers, and if I remember correctly, the Speaker's Office came to me and asked if I would do that. In Section 22 that you are trying to strike here, it has the Chaplain Coordinator doing that function. Do you know if the Chaplain Coordinator does that function now?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't even know who the Chaplain Coordinator is, seriously.

SENATOR FISCHER: I don't know. I'm just wondering if any other senators know if Section 22 is even in use currently, or if the Speaker's Office takes care of finding either clergy or senators to give the prayer in the morning.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you're asking me, Senator Kruse had mentioned that senators do get a letter from the Clerk's Office, letting them know they can invite ministers here, and he himself has invited other ministers. But he had pointed out that that rule is not being used now.

SENATOR FISCHER: Okay. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would be exclusionary if it were.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you. I yield the rest of the time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.