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avoid any particular subject, but it didn't seem like it was the right environment to preach." Pelley's prayer concluded, however, "in the name of Jesus Christ I pray." Another quote from him: "I never pray without reference to Jesus," he said, "because it's through His life that we have access to God. But I would never say anything negative about those who don't." And I edit something else, except where Chambers is concerned. You see, brothers and sisters, friends, enemies, and neutrals, I'm outside the pale. Sometime look up what that expression, outside the pale, means. I'll give you a hint. It's like an enclosure. It's spelled p-a-l-e, not p-a-i-l. Check it out. Continuing: The Reverend Bob Edwards, pastor of South Gate United Methodist Church, who also served as a chaplain of the day this session, said he tried to be as inclusive as possible, leaving out any mention of Jesus and avoiding gender references to God. "Not everyone is Protestant--amen--and not everyone is Catholic--hallelujah--or Christian--praise God's great name. I added those little things," he said. Continuing with his quote: "I wanted to give a prayer that would not be offensive to others and still have some meaning."

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He offended me! He didn't care about me. I don't count. Continuing: "In his prayer, he asked God to 'remove all personal agendas, heal any broken relationships, and unite these senators gathered here into one representative body, that they may perform the sacred trust that is theirs by election of their peers.'" I'll finish this the next time I speak, because I don't want to break any of it up. Do I have one more time before I close, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR CUDABACK: No, Senator, that was your third time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have closing left.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Um-hum. Senator Kruse, you're recognized.