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SENATOR KRUSE: Mr. President and members, thank you. I again affirm the amendment that is before us, and as I studied it, and I'm embarrassed to say I've never really read this thing before, I discovered one more thing that I thought it would be good to point out to us; that is, that if we're going to follow the letter and the spirit of what is in there, it could only be clergy who are part of an organized group that could pray, and that would prohibit all the senators, except for this humble one, from praying before this group. Now I would object to that. I don't want this rule enforced, because I have really appreciated fellow senators sharing in the prayer duties, if they may be called that, and for a particular reason. That's my view of prayer. We've not talked about that, and Senator Chambers hasn't spoken to that. We all have our assumptions, and they're undoubtedly very different. But to me, prayer is not a way to change God's mind. That's not what is involved. The prayer is a way of talking with each other about spiritual values and how we feel, and as Senator Chambers quoted Senator Landis from a news article earlier, it's a way of gathering. It's a way of coming together and saying, well, here we are again, and we do have some very deep values that we want to share with each other, and each of us has a chance to share that. I again would object any time somebody ends it with Jesus. I don't take count on that. But some say, well, that's a harmless thing, or that's my custom. It's not harmless at all. To say that is to proclaim a doctrine which would be offensive to many Christians, as well as to Muslims and others. We are not a united nation or state or body in religious matters, and we ought not to be. I strongly affirm the way in which we do it now, which is an administrative procedure that is a part of setting the agenda. I affirm that, I like the way in which we're all involved, and I would hope, therefore, that we would support Senator Chambers' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, I shouldn't enter into this discussion, but I'm going to. I have been asked to give the prayer, and sometimes I've called a minister to do it, and I have done it a