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couple times. I think the last time I did I read some scripture. It had something to do with, He takes care of the birds of the...and He'll take care of me. Now...and I probably closed the prayer, in God's name we pray, or something like that. And maybe I'm not considered to be a real religious person around here, but I profess the Christian faith. I hope I haven't been offensive to you, and for those who are offensive, why, I don't know what to do about it. I don't want to offend the Jews, I don't want to offend the Muslims, I don't want to offend the atheists, but sometimes it's hard to break tradition, and put me in that class. I don't want to break with tradition, and I think we send a perception out there to the public that if we don't continue to offer the morning prayer, I think that's the wrong message to send. And I know how you feel about that. You're a wise man. Respond to those comments, will you?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Not meaning to disparage you in any way, I hadn't been aware of when you prayed, but when I say I take offense, that doesn't mean I'm personally angry at a person, an individual. It means that I think what is going forth is inappropriate under the circumstances, it ought not to be done, and for that reason I am offended by its being presented there. I was offended when the Governor would not appoint females to boards and commissions, just to show you what I mean by the word "offended." Now since you said you don't want to break the tradition--because I'm not going to take all your time; I've responded the best that I can--let me ask you this. If I would want to bring into this activity a religious practice that went on in the church I attended as a child, would you be willing to grant me the right and the privilege to do that on the floor of the Legislature?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I suppose the answer to that is, it depends. So I'm not sure what you're driving at.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I would just like to do what they do in all churches, after or before prayer, pass the collection plate. (Laughter)