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of their mouth. But we don't have to worry about that. Completing this: A faithful dozen or so senators are usually there; however, not so this morning. "I tried to be at the prayer each morning, said Senator Mark Quandahl of Omaha," And he's telling "Repelicans" they've got to vote for a gun bill, and he's talking about what prayer means to him? "I tried to be at the prayer each morning," said Senator Mark Quandahl of Omaha, who gave the invocation once this session. "I think it's very important. It sets the tone for the day and also helps us focus on why we're all here." Holy baloney! Now let me tell my colleagues what this amendment would do. It would strike from the rule book the requirement that the Chaplain Coordinator, whoever or whatever that is, find people to come up here and pray over the few of you all who come here every morning, from among organized groups of clergy. If you're not a member of the club, you don't get invited. You've heard others point out that the rule, as written, is not strictly adhered to. The Clerk has made it clear that individual senators are free to invite ministers, or whatever designation that person has, of their choice, to find a time that's open and come here and perform the ritual. So that, strictly speaking, violates the rule. When Senator Kruse takes it upon himself to recruit those who are not parts of organized clergy groups, he is acting outside of the rule, as written. When you have an unwise rule which is not complied with, the thing to do is to get rid of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: My amendment gives that opportunity. So I'm asking that you vote to accept my amendment, which would strike from the rules this dead letter. But do I care if you accept it or not? Not in the least. I don't care what these senators do. I don't care what these senators say. I care about what I say, I care about what I do--that's my job--and I care about the Legislature. And this rule does not redound to the benefit of the Legislature. Mr. President, how much time do I have left?

SENATOR CUDABACK: About 5 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I can use them any way I choose? I think I'll take 5 seconds of silence.