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fight, I must say that I have not completed my fight. And I don't know whether we'll get off the rules this afternoon. If you read the rules, cloture does not apply to rules' debates, so unless the rules are going to be written on the floor and something will be invoked that's not in the rule, we could be on the rules the rest of the session, conceivably. But that's not my intent. My intent is to stir your pure minds. Sometimes it takes more time than others, when the issue is one that cuts close. And sometimes my words might cut close to the bone, but that does not diminish the truth of them. Here you all sit in the Legislature, where you pass laws that deal literally with life and/or death. And you will behave like children in the sandbox on the school playground, because you're petty and small-minded, and you're mad at me. That's why you got term limits, and some of you have talked about how stupid the public was for voting for term limits just to get rid of me. Then you make a travesty of your rules, because you're mad at me. Well, I know how to push your buttons. You've heard me say, I own this Legislature. You all are my white folks. I determine what you're going to do. If those were empty words, I wouldn't utter them. Facts speak louder than words. You can go trotting back home if you want to. Fortunately, our proceedings are carried on television. People had the opportunity to see these hypocritical votes you cast. What they ought to do is take roll every time there's a prayer, and make sure all those who voted for the prayer stay here. No, they want to vote for it to make you come here, but they're going to stay down in their offices. Then you're going to keep a rule...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that restricts the talent pool available for this ritual. That's what you all voted for. And you can vote for whatever you want to, and maybe you should take a lesson from this. If enough of you clump together and you throw all of your principles, all of your common sense out the window, you can defeat me on every issue, except some of those issues are going to involve lobbyists on different sides, and they're going to make you do what your morality and your religion won't make you do. They'll make you sit in that seat, and you will not be able to clump against me, unanimously, or a majority of