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could ask to give the prayer.

SENATOR KREMER: I would think not. I mean, right now, I know we receive a letter at the beginning of the session saying that members of the Legislature, if your pastor or somebody is in town, that you can ask him to do it. And I think what's happening is that there's openings, and so then we are just asked to do that, which I think is very appropriate. And I would...I guess I would be against that just anybody could come and request to pray in the Legislature.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. So it's the intent of your amendment--I'm just getting down to specifically...

SENATOR KREMER: Right.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...what your amendment says,...

SENATOR KREMER: You can...

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...there's nothing there that says that should be a member of the clergy, organized or however, or a member of the Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Friend, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. You know, I'm starting to get scared, and when I was a little kid, when I--not that anybody directed me to do it, but I always know that when I got scared that there was a particular prayer I always used to like to say. Nobody else around, I could say it out loud, I could say it to myself, whatever, nobody was going to know. But Senator Chambers is scaring me, and the funny thing about it is, I thought it was my prayer. I didn't think anybody else knew it. I was living out in Grand Island, probably...this was probably 12, 15 years ago.