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in Lincoln. With that, Mr. President, I would move forward these two appointments by the Governor of Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chairman Jensen. (Doctor of the day introduced.) On discussion of the motion by Senator Jensen, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, rather than do this on a point of personal privilege, I'm going to do it while speaking on this motion before us, because it may take me more than five minutes to vent my spleen. First of all, objection to the person Senator Jensen is have no recommending, and I will vote in favor of that. I want there to be a clear line of demarcation between what Senator Jensen is presenting and what I'm about to say. I was in my office this morning, as I always am when these so-called prayers are What happened this morning was so outrageous, so out of line, so absolutely and positively contrary to what these so-called preachers are told when they're granted access to that podium, which is not granted to anybody else, that I've got to say something about it. I tried to hurry up here in time to sit down and bang some books on the table to show my outrage. Just because somebody wears the label preacher does not entitle that person to come up here and get involved in political activities in the Legislature, or express those political views. Others were upset, but somebody has got to say something and I want to let you know what suckers such as that do. Why did I say "sucker"? Because of the way he conducted himself. Stay out of the Legislature; do that stuff in his church; and if they don't want to hear what I say, don't come to where I work and where, during the day, I live and drop that mess here. This is what these people are told. Now, I don't know if he can read. Guidelines to follow for chaplain of the day: number one, issues that are pending before the Legislature may not be reviewed or discussed by the chaplain of the day; number two, refrain from using the forum for the expression of any sentiment on any matter that could be considered political in nature; number three, the prayer should be nondenominational; number four, the duration of the prayer should be no more than three minutes; number five, no remarks prior to or following the