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within the rules. I always do. And if anybody were to be justified in kicking the rules aside, it would be me. But I know what the rules are, and when I came down here all those years ago, I was prepared to play or fight by the rules. My underlying philosophy was to master the rules and beat the senators at their own game, since I knew I was going to be massively outnumbered. But remember, I play by the rules. think we should seriously consider no longer inviting these preachers to this Legislature. Would you all be offended if I come up here and sit down every day? If I decide to do it, I don't care whether you're offended or not. You don't care that I'm offended that you bring a hustler of your religion up there every day. How I react to that means nothing to you, so how should how you react to what I do mean anything to me? Try to think it through. If you were 1 out of 49, consider what your circumstances would be. But since we have people who are part of that 48 majority, who will not speak when they're in the majority, I know if any one of you was to be that 1 out of 49, you wouldn't say anything. If there was anything ever that cried out for eliminating that preacher nonsense every morning, what happened today is that incident. But if you choose to continue as you have proceeded thus far this session and in prior sessions, get ready for what I may decide to do at any point. I can't be called out of order, because the Legislature is not in session at that time. If, when he gets up there with his nonsense, I decide to say (singing) how dry I am, how dry I...and look him right in his eye, what can he do? What can he say? We'll just outshout each other. We will make a spectacle of it, because that's what your religion and your prayers become when you put them in a secular environment, and the so-called religious person has to agree ...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ... to secularize a ceremony which, by virtue of its very essence, is religious in nature. I wish there was some way to take a vote on how you all feel, but I'm not going to do that because you all are grown people and it's not my place to do that. My place is to fill the record with what it is that I think and how I feel, and I've done that. And for this morning there is nothing else I will say unless that