

January 8, 1979

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Miscellaneous Subjects gives notice that Senator Bill Brennan was selected as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. President, your Rules Committee gives notice that Senator Martin Kahle was selected as Vice-Chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Frank Lewis, Chairman of the Executive Board, moves that we proceed to the election of the Chaplain.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to proceed to the election of the Chaplain. The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, the Executive Board recommends to the members of the Legislature that Dr. Robert Palmer be elected Chaplain of the Legislature. I so move.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I think it should be clear to the body that that vote was a split vote, that I was not in favor of having a Chaplain at all, and I feel that there is something unseemly about two supposed men of God campaigning in the halls of the Legislature just like ordinary politicians lobbying for votes and for money. Now I often am criticized, not to my face, but behind my back and indirectly for not being in here when prayers are given but I have to look at spectacles like the one occurring now and wonder just what significance there is to prayer and all this talk of religion. Senator Kremer knows that the New Testament said freely you have received, freely give. Now we have people coming here selling prayers at the rate of \$300 per month for two minutes work. I had to say to the Executive Board and I will say here briefly that if these are the people who represent Christ, I wonder if they are following an example that they think he would have set in trying to obtain the prayer franchise at the palaces of Caesar. You see this legislative body is worldly. It is carnal. It deals with drinking, gambling, trading votes and cutting throats, stabbing backs and filling sacks with ill-gotten gain and here are people trying to impose one particular religious persuasion on everybody who is a member of this organization. There are