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non-Christians in this body. There are nonbelievers. There are atheists, pantheists, deists and apologists and agnostics I was advised by Senator John DeCamp. I think it is violative of the spirit of the U. S. Constitution to have a preacher in here praying every morning in a governmental assembly. Children are spared this activity in the public schools and there are other activities where prayers are not allowed. The prayers have not done any good. Conduct is not altered. If you look at the activities of the first day, you will see that if Jesus had come down here and talked of things he talked in the New Testament he would have been hanging up there with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Now when people can find that horse racing on Sunday and gambling through bingo in the church comports with their religious principles and also the hustling for votes and to get money to sell prayers can occur, how do you think that appears to a nonbeliever like me. There are people in this body who want to impose their particular views on somebody like me but they become offended when I express my negative criticisms of the whole charade. Religion is to be a personal and private affair. Jesus said keep it in the closet and I agree with that. So for an individual or two individuals to be scrambling around here trying to get pay to say prayers is beyond my ability to understand. I think it ought not to be and I am opposed to what the Executive Board by a split vote did. I did try to salvage some degree of dignity and integrity for these hustlers of religion by saying that the salary would be stricken, then we would see that this was being done out of the goodness of the merchant of salvation's heart rather than trying to fatten his pocketbook, and if what a person has on his head is not real, how can that which is in his head be trusted. Yes, we are getting down to some crucial, touchy matters in the first few days of the Legislature because I think a tone has to be set. There is not leadership here but followership and it would be good in the beginning for people to see who is a follower and who is a nonfollower. The only thing I am going to follow is what my mind and my conscience tell me is the right thing. You will see people grumbling at some of the remarks I make here today but observe their conduct in their lives. Notice what aroma is on their breath when they express their anger. Why instead of going to drink with the lobbyists over the lunch hour, they could trot over here to some church and pray if that is what they need. That prayer doesn't have to occur here and I think that the Legislature should avoid these types of things that you are hearing from me this morning by dropping the whole notion of the chaplain. There are enough souls outside this Legislature for him to save. He is not going to get any bigger stars in his crown by