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SENATOR CHAMBERS: I am going to donate that to show the spirit of cooperation I will manifest as Chaplain.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a kind of a point of order and information or question.

PRESIDENT: State your point of order.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Chaplain Chambers has stated very sincerely that he is very serious about this matter. I believe him as I always do. However, it is my understanding under the laws and rules and Constitution that if Chaplain Chambers would happen to be elected to this position, he could not hold his position as a State Legislator. So in order for me to intelligently resolve which way I might go on this very vital question, I have to know from Chaplain Chambers whether he intends to resign from the Legislature once or if he is elected because there may be virtues in his motion that are yet undetected.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I think everybody has got the necessary TV time they want today in terms of this issue. I think Senator Chambers has attracted the interest of the press. I saw a couple of television cameras running down and I think they have already taken all the film. Senator Chambers' motion is out of order. That is not procedure. I would move, Mr. Chairman, on a point of order that that motion is not in order and I would ask that we'd proceed and vote on Dr. Palmer.

PRESIDENT: I think if you will just let the body vote on his motion, then that will take care of it without any further debate unless, Senator George, were you....I think Senator George was next.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President and members, I think we should really think about that for a minute. Senator Chambers I believe does need some praying occasionally. He would be here for the prayers. He normally is not. We would listen to him only a minute or two instead of all day. He said he is serious about it. It is also my nonlawyer opinion that he obviously would have to resign his seat as State Senator. So I do strongly support his motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Duis. The question is called for. Do I see five hands? I do. All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.