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am suggesting here, and Senator Kremer, Senator Marvel and others have indicated, Senator Kremer even on the floor, that perhaps these Chaplains should perform this service without pay, and I'm going to, for the sake of this discussion, presume that everybody acted in good faith, those who voted to retain a Chaplain, and feel that there is somehow some value to being prayed over every morning by a Chaplain. However, that prayer should not be for money. The only one that I know of who in such a blatant fashion put a price on Jesus was Judas. Now the going rate in Judas' day was thirty pieces of silver. I suppose that if you factor in considerations relative to inflation, \$300.00 might be about the equivalent today. We have multiplied it by ten. So what I'm suggesting here is that the price tag be taken off, and that this man if he really believes that he's performing a worthwhile service to the state and to the members of this Legislature, he demonstrate it by performing this service in the same way that Jesus, his Master, had performed it...not for pay. As a matter of fact, Jesus said, be not as the hypocrites are going about street corners, etc., sounding your prayers as the hypocrites do, but you pray in your closet. You've chosen to disregard that admonition. But you ought to consider his other one...freely you receive, freely give. If it's of value in a spiritual sense, it should not carry a price tag. Therefore, my motion is that the Chaplain not be paid for giving these prayers to his and your God.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Are you ready for the question, Senator Chambers? Do you waive your closing? Okay, what? He wants to go...do you want to go under call, Senator Chambers? All those in favor of going under call vote aye, opposed vote no. Clerk record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the Legislature is under call. You will record your presence, and any unauthorized personnel will please leave the floor. Senator Murphy, would you please record your presence. Senator Burrows is temporarily excused, is that right? Senator Koch, would you please record your presence? Senator Warner. Senator George. Senator Fowler. Senator Johnson, temporarily excused. Senator Cullan, will you record your presence? Senator Newell is temporarily excused. Senator Stoney, would you record your presence please? Senator Chambers, the Chair...it appears that all of those who are not either excused for the whole day or temporarily excused are here. Okay, roll call vote has been requested, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler...