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SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk, read the motion again so we know what we're voting on.

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion is that the salary heretofore paid to the Chaplain be discontinued immediately, and that motion is to be found on Page 139 of the Journal, Mr. President. Roll call vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Clerk announce the vote.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President, on Senator Chambers' motion. (Vote appears on Page 189 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. Any other motions?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me, the request has been that the call be raised. The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers now moves to reduce the salary of the Chaplain to 30 silver dollars.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I think the symbolism of this motion will adequately...will be an adequate statement to the Legislature and to the other people in this state. I don't know whether the Chaplain is here now, but I hope somebody conveys to him what has occurred this morning. I hope he will obtain a copy of the transcript, and he will see that at least 16 people out of the 37 who voted felt that...or whatever the number was...felt that he should not be paid for what he is doing, and if he has integrity, and if his religion means anything to him, he should come in to the Executive Board and voluntarily give up this money. But I assure you that this is the last motion that I will make this session relative to religion...I mean relative to the Chaplain issue, but it will by no means be my last comment on religion. I assure you of that, and for those who may not know what the symbolism, Senator Hasebroock, of the 30 silver dollars is, when some wicked people wanted to crucify an individual or get him out of the way because he was talking things that Caesar did not want to have discussed, these individuals hired one of Jesus' cronies to identify him, and although it seems strange that a man who would raise the dead, who had healed the sick, who had fed the hungry with 3 little fishes and 5 loaves of bread would not be recognizable by the soldiers, nevertheless he apparently was not known. So they brought this friend of Jesus and corrupted him for 30 pieces of silver, and this individual accepted the payoff, and he betrayed Jesus into the hands of the enemy. That's why