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**Rep. Arlon Lindner Matter**

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**COMMITTEE ON ETHICS**  
**REP. ELAINE HARDER, CHAIR**

MEETING: Monday, March 20, 2000  
8:00 A.M. and 15 minutes following session  
Room 10, State Office Building

**AGENDA**

- I. Overview of House ethics process - Deb McKnight, House Research
  - Flowchart
  - Question and answers
- II. Presentation by Complainants  $\frac{1}{2}$
- III. Presentation by Respondent  $\frac{1}{2}$   
*Questions | cross-exam.*  
Recess and continuation 15 minutes after session
- IV. Rebuttals
- V. Committee discussion

*1- Questions of Committee 1st*

*2- ?*

*Cross-exam?*  
*Rebuttals)*

*Jeanne suggested  
making them go  
through the chair.  
Bob T told her  
you already said  
they needn't.*

Did Alan  
say Carl  
should  
be here?  
News to  
us!  
Members of Comm

**Steven Svingum**

Speaker of the House

District 28B

Dodge, Goodhue, Olmsted,  
Steele and Waseca Counties



**Minnesota  
House of  
Representatives**

February 28, 2000

Rep. Elaine Harder  
487 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Elaine Harder:

Pursuant to Permanent Rules of the House, 6.10, I am forwarding to you, an ethics complaint regarding Representative Arlon Lindner, and accompanying materials which I received today. As you know, House Rules require that I forward any complaints to the Committee within seven days for your consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Svingum".

Representative Steve Svingum  
Speaker of the House

cc: Members of the Ethics Committee (w/out enclosures)

Representative Bob Milbert, Vice-chair  
Representative Greg Davids  
Representative Mary Murphy  
Representative Jim Rhodes, alternate  
Representative Jean Wagenius, alternate





**Minnesota  
House of  
Representatives**

February 28, 2000

The Honorable Steve Sviggum  
Speaker of the House  
463 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

Pursuant to House Rule 6.10 we request that the House Committee on Ethics convene for the purpose of investigating the conduct of Representative Arlon Lindner. The subject of this ethics filing is contained in the enclosed complaint.

It is our request that a preliminary hearing be held on this complaint immediately, pursuant to the procedures of the Committee on Ethics.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Entenza  
Representative Matt Entenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert Leighton

Enclosure

cc: Representative Arlon Lindner



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# Minnesota House of Representatives

## FORMAL NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE ARRON LINDNER FOR VIOLATION OF THE RULES OF THE MINNESOTA HOUSE

### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

The undersigned, members of the Minnesota House of Representatives, in furtherance of their responsibilities to uphold the Constitution and Rules of the House, hereby notify the Speaker of the House of their filing of a complaint against Representative Arlon Lindner.

Representative Lindner's violation of Rule 6.10 of the House, promulgated pursuant to the Minnesota State Constitution, Article IV, Section 7, and the formal Rules of the House, adopted on January 11, 1999, requires the immediate convening of the House Ethics Committee for a preliminary hearing as provided by House Rule 6.10.

The complaint is hereby enclosed and contains, with specificity, the allegations sworn by the undersigned Representatives.

We swear the statements in the complaint are true, so help us God.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2000.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Entenza  
Representative Matt Entenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert Leighton





# Minnesota House of Representatives

## ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE ARLON LINDNER FOR VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA HOUSE RULE 6.10

### COMPLAINT

The Minnesota State Constitution, Article IV, Section 7, provides that each house may determine the rules of its proceeding and for the punishment of members. The House adopted on January 11, 1999, rule 6.10 which provides in relevant part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that violates a rule or administrative policy of the House, that violates accepted norms of House behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.**

During the debate on proposed changes to House Rule 1.01 on February 23, 2000, Representative Arlon Lindner violated Rule 6.10.

Representative Lindner speaking to Representative Michael Paymar, a Jewish member of this House, said, "don't impose your irreligious left views on me."

This statement violates accepted norms of House behavior and tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute. We are compelled to bring the following two counts to the attention of the House Committee on Ethics:

#### **Count 1**

Pursuant to House Rule 9.01 the Rules Committee has established a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House. The statement by Representative Lindner violates Rule 6.10. The rule states in part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that . . .  
violates accepted norms of House behavior.**

Representative Lindner's derogatory remarks about the Jewish faith clearly violates accepted norms of conduct. This is further verified by the provisions of the House Code of Conduct



(Attachment 1) that require a State Representative to treat everyone with respect, fairness and courtesy; and be respectful of the House of Representatives as a fundamental institution of civil government.

**Count 2**

Pursuant to House Rule 9.01 the Rules Committee has established a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House. The statement by Representative Lindner violates Rule 6.10. The rule states in part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that . . . tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.**

The statement by Representative Lindner defamed people of the Jewish faith by calling them irreligious and impugning the sincerity of their religious beliefs. As evidence of this, members filed a formal protest and dissent as a result of the remarks of Representative Lindner.  
(Attachment 2)

**Conclusion and Request for Relief**

We, the undersigned, believe that the following two counts require immediate consideration by the House Committee on Ethics. We respectfully request that the Committee find that probable cause exists for the violation of these rules and that the Committee, in open hearing, recommend an appropriate sanction for the violation of our rules.

Submitted with this complaint (as required by Rule 6.10) is a copy of the Transcript from the House Floor Session from February 23, 2000, and a copy of the recording log from that day's session.

We swear that the statements in this complaint subscribed to us are true, so help us God.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2000.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Eitenza  
Representative Matt Eitenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert Leighton

**Minnesota House of Representatives  
Tape Proceedings House Floor Session  
February 23, 2000**

Begin Tape Counter 3186

Representative Michael Paymar:

I'm a little surprised at the Majority Leader for bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is a short legislative session. We have pressing items that we should be debating. And now this is the second time that members of your caucus have brought this to the body to consume more time, more energy, talking about what kind of prayer we should have to start each session. Rep. Leppik, I thought gave a really a beautiful speech last time this was brought up, explaining the reason and the purpose for the language that we currently have in rules, that allows for non-denominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking that language out of the rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me. So not only am I concerned about the time that this is going to take away from the busy work when we should have been doing Minnesota's work, but I'm concerned about the intent behind it. Because it was only last year.. Mr. Speaker, I can't hear. . .It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and Members that I remember Rep. Lindner getting up before the House and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion is the majority of this House so why can't we have the kind of prayers we want in this body? Now is that your intent? I know that that is not in your heart to be disrespectful of those members who aren't Christians, Rep. Lindner and others who are going to support this rule change, but it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful. You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body and the minority members here. Minority religious members here, in my view. I know that's not in your hearts and I know what your intent is, but I have expressed to you before how this makes certain members feel who are not Christians. Now I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week. I get them on my e-mail. You invite people to your fellowships. Fine, do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before Session starts if you feel like you want to have prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be part of that moment where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be non-denominational and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position, we vote down this rule change.

Tape Counter 3372

Representative Arlon Lindner:

Rep. Paymar, I don't know for sure what you're talking about. If you're talking about wasting time, did you sit there and listen to Rep. Kahn waste all that time just a few minutes ago? I think prayer is very important. You know we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left, not able to pray in the name of our God when we have an opportunity to pray. That's disrespectful of the Majority's rights. Now if you don't want to be here for prayer, as the Speaker has said before, this isn't mandatory, the prayer happens before session begins. And I don't know why you're looking at me all this time, you know while you're talking. I'm very happy this is coming back up and I think all we're doing is putting the order of the day, the order

for prayer and the way we do prayer back like it was for hundreds of years before this session. And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. There's some groups that pray in here that I stay out of the room. We have that privilege. And you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me.

Tape Counter 3454

Representative Barb Haake:

Members, I don't know about the rest of you, but I really don't care what God everybody prays to. They're all praying to one God. And as far as I'm concerned, I need all the help I can get. I really appreciate the prayers from everybody's God. Thank you.

Tape Counter 3473

Representative Betty McCollum:

Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members. I'm going to vote against it for a couple of reasons. The paramount one is that the two times this has been discussed on the floor, it was within the way the Rules of the House are adopted. And its more than a simple majority. And I voted against this amendment in the Rule Committee. What we've done here is we've said, 'OK, there's a majority who would like the prayer to be conducted in a certain way. And we can't win when it's a simple majority. So we'll amend the rules going through the rules committee, where simple majority can win.' And the reason why we have a higher standard for adopting the rules as we do in the first weeks of session, is so that the minority is heard. And we lost that in the way that the rules are adopted. And that's why I voted against it in the rules committee. I'm very concerned about the tenor of discussion. I'm a Christian, I'm a Catholic. And I'm not here trying to out-Christian anybody else. And when I want to pray a Catholic Creed, I do it at church. And I enjoy the fellowship of the many denominations in this hall. And I enjoy the fellowship of praying together when everybody feels included. And the comments just don't come. Well, you know, if you just don't come for the prayer, you just don't get to say the Pledge of Allegiance either. Because the doors are closed for that. So Members, I would encourage you not to vote for this amendment. And Rep. Paymar, one of my favorite religious songs is, "They know we are Christians by our Love".

Tape Counter 3570

Representative Matt Entenza:

Mr. Speaker I think the issue today is whether or not we're going to show the respect that the present rule has. And Rep. Lindner, I hope that perhaps you want to rethink the last remark that you made. We have members in this body who come from different religious traditions. And to suggest that someone who comes from the Jewish tradition, a tradition that we should all certainly honor, that somehow is an irreligious one, suggests to me that it is very important to vote against this motion from the rules committee.

Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Mr. Speaker will Rep. Lindner yield to a question? Did I hear you say, 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' Is that your quote to Rep. Paymar? Mr. Speaker, apparently I'm not speaking loudly enough. Rep. Lindner, did you say 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' to Rep. Paymar?

Tape Counter 3587

Representative Arlon Lindner:

It was something like that.

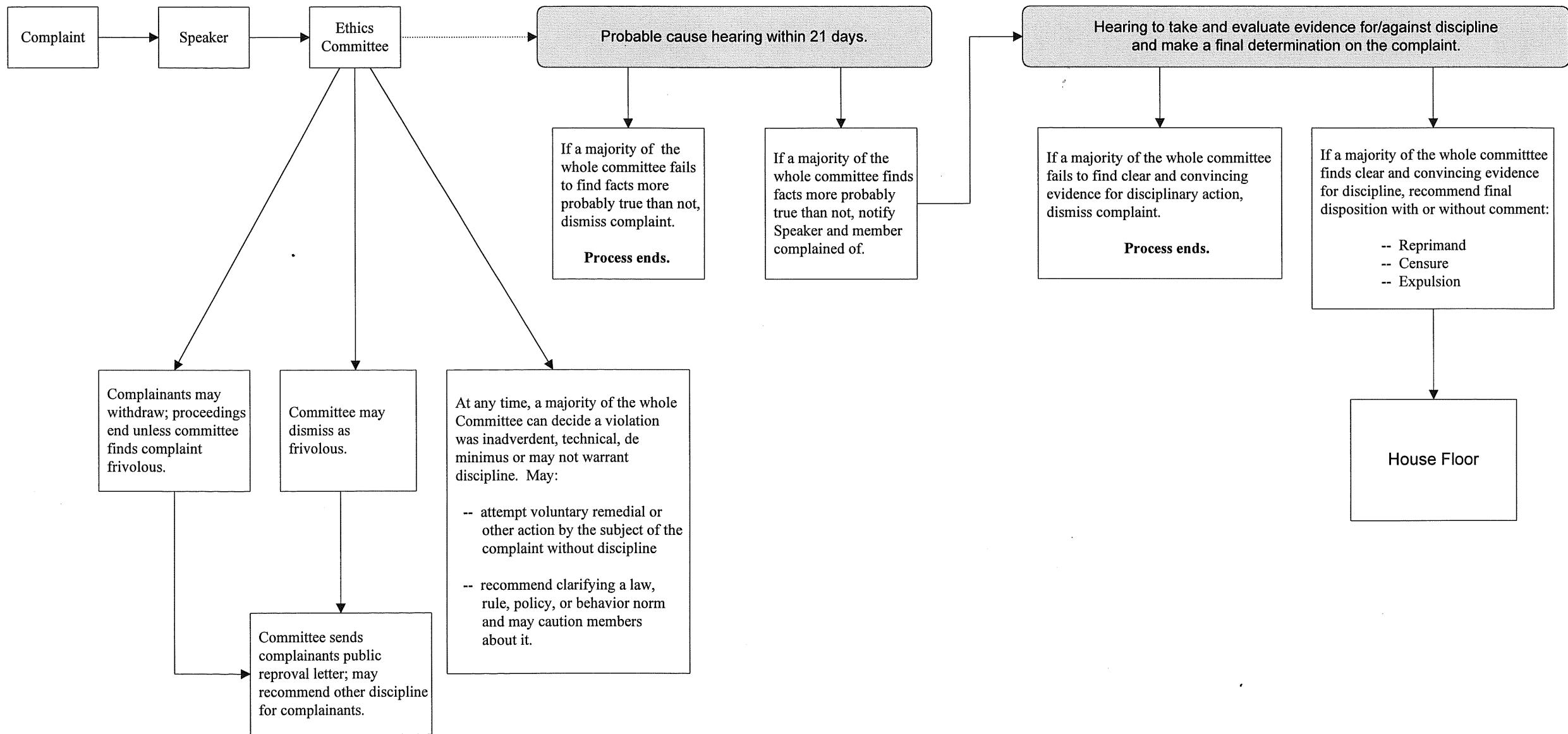
Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm embarrassed, quite frankly for what Rep. Lindner said. And as a Christian, who does Bible devotions almost every night with his family, I apologize to you, because most of us don't feel that way, Rep. Paymar. I apologize, I'm embarrassed on behalf of we Christians.

## Ethics Complaint Process Under Ethics Committee Rules of Procedure

Prepared by:  
Deborah McKnight  
House Research Department  
March 6, 2000

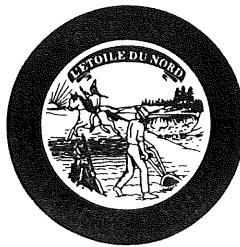


**Arlon W. Lindner**

State Representative

District 33A

Hennepin and Wright Counties



**Minnesota**

**House of**

**Representatives**

**CHAIR, JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**COMMITTEES:** CAPITOL INVESTMENT; JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

March 10, 2000

TO: Representative Elaine Harder  
Chair, Ethics Committee

I would like to have by Thursday, March 16, 2000, a list of relevant evidence which the complainants will use to prove their charges that my statement to Representative Paymar, "don't impose your irreligious left views on me," was derogatory remarks about the Jewish faith, thereby violating accepted norms of House behavior and bringing the House into dishonor or disrepute.

1. Any matter of fact evidence.
2. Names of witnesses who will give sworn testimony.
3. Written copy of testimony of each witness.
4. Copy of exhibits to be used.

Thank you for your help in obtaining this information for me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlon W. Lindner".

Arlon Lindner

State Representative

cc: Rep. Ann Rest  
Rep. Matt Entenza  
Rep. Wes Skoglund  
Rep. Robert Leighton

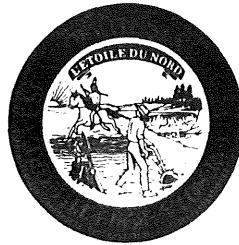


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CHAIR, JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEES: CAPITOL INVESTMENT; JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

March 15, 2000

Representative Elaine Harder  
Chair, Ethics Committee  
487 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Harder,

As I look at our Minnesota State Constitution, Article 4, Sec.10 which states in part, "For any speech or debate in either house they ( the members of each house in all cases...) shall not be questioned in any other place," I question whether being brought before the Ethics Committee because of my words used in a debate on the House floor possibly is in violation of my Constitutional rights.

I ask that you obtain a ruling from the Attorney General pursuant to Article 4, Sec.10 prior to the scheduled hearing at 8:00 am, March 20, 2000, the time I will be questioned.

Thank you.

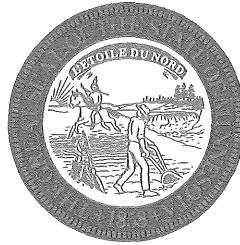
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlon W. Lindner".

Arlon W. Lindner  
State Representative



**Matt Entenza**  
State Representative  
Assistant Democratic Caucus Leader  
District 64A  
Ramsey County



**Minnesota  
House of  
Representatives**

**COMMITTEES:** K-12 EDUCATION FINANCE; EDUCATION; COMMERCE & TOURISM; WAYS & MEANS

March 15, 2000

TO: Representative Elaine Harder  
Chair, Ethics Committee

I would like to have by Friday, March 17, 2000, at noon, a list of relevant evidence which Representative Lindner will use to refute the charges that his statement to Representative Paymar, "don't impose your irreligious left views on me," was a derogatory remark about the Jewish faith, thereby violating accepted norms of House behavior and bringing the House into dishonor or disrepute.

1. Any evidence he or his assistants have that bears on this matter.
2. Names of witnesses, their addresses and phone numbers who will give sworn testimony.
3. Written copy of testimony of each witness.
4. Copy of exhibits to be used.
5. The names and phone numbers of his counsel (if any).

Thank you for your help in obtaining this information.

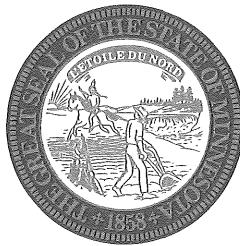
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Entenza".  
Matt Entenza  
State Representative

cc: Representative Arlon Lindner



**Elaine Harder**  
State Representative District 22B  
Assistant Majority Leader  
Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin,  
Redwood and Watonwan Counties



**Minnesota  
House of  
Representatives**

March 16, 2000

ETHICS: CHAIR  
**COMMITTEES:** AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE, TAXES AND PROPERTY TAX DIVISION

Representative Arlon Lindner  
417 S.O.B.  
100 Constitution Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Lindner:

This letter is to confirm your availability and intent to attend the House Ethics Committee hearing, Monday, March 20, 2000, 8 to 10 a.m., room 10 State Office Building. The agenda will be to consider the ethics complaint filed by Representatives Rest, Entenza, Skoglund, and Leighton. The committee may also reconvene immediately following session that day to continue its work if necessary. The agenda and any other materials the Ethic Committee possesses will be provided to you today.

I would appreciate your response to confirm that this arrangement is satisfactory. If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Elaine Harder*  
Representative Elaine Harder  
Chair, Ethics Committee

I confirm that I plan to attend the House Ethics Committee hearing Monday, March 20, 2000, in room 10 of the State Office Building, from 8 to 10 a.m. and immediately following the House legislative session, if necessary.

Signed this day, March 16, 2000

*Arlon W. Lindner*  
Representative Arlon Lindner

*Please promptly remit to Representative Elaine Harder, 487 SOB. Thank you.*



**From:** Brenda Elmer  
**To:** Ann Rest; Arlon Lindner; Bob Milbert; Brenda Elmer; Deborah McKnight; Elaine Harder; Greg Davids; Jean Wagenius; Jim Rhodes; Mary Murphy; Matt Entenza; Rob Leighton; Sarah Berkowitz; Wes Skoglund  
**Subject:** Ethics Committee Hearing 3/20/00

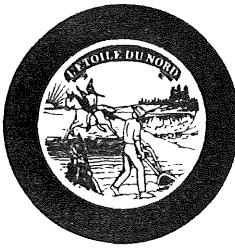
The House Ethics Committee will meet Monday, March 20, 8-10 a.m. in room 10 SOB to consider the ethics complaint regarding Rep. Arlon Lindner. If necessary, the committee may also meet immediately following session that day to continue its work (session begins at 1 p.m.). **An agenda and all materials in possession of the Ethics Committee will be provided to you and other interested parties no later than this Thursday.**

If you have additional materials for the hearing, the committee requests that you supply them in advance of Monday's hearing so that staff has time to duplicate and assemble folders. You may direct materials or information requests to Sarah Berkowitz (485 SOB, 296-7168), LA for the Ethics Committee. If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Berkowitz. Thank you.

Brenda Elmer  
Staff to the Ethics Committee  
448 SOB  
297-5602

**CC:** Dave Easterday; Doris Ocel; Michelle Kibiger

**Elaine Harder**  
State Representative District 22B  
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**ETHICS: CHAIR**

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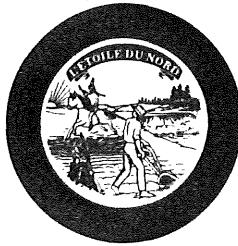
**TO:** Speaker Steve Svigum  
**FROM:** Representative Elaine Harder, Chair  
**DATE:** March 24, 2000  
**RE:** Committee Action on the Representative Arlon Lindner

*Elaine Harder*

I have attached the Ethics Committee Report regarding the ethics complaint against Representative Arlon Lindner for your information. Please let me know if you require any other materials or information about this issue. Thank you.



**Elaine Harder**  
State Representative District 22B  
Assistant Majority Leader  
Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin,  
Redwood and Watonwan Counties



# Minnesota House of Representatives

## ETHICS: CHAIR

**COMMITTEES:** AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE, TAXES AND PROPERTY TAX DIVISION

**TO:** Speaker Steve Sviggum

**CC:** Representative Tim Pawlenty, Rules & Legislative Administration Committee

**FROM:** House Ethics Committee

Representative Elaine Harder, Chair

Representative Bob Milbert, Vice Chair

Representative Greg Davids

Representative Mary Murphy

Representative Jim Rhodes

Representative Jean Wagenius

**DATE:** March 24, 2000

**RE:** Request to Recommend Revisions to House Rules

As Ethics Committee members who have contemplated speech in debate issues during consideration of a recent ethics complaint, we pass along the following request to you today.

We believe that the current House Rules relating to speech in debate are contradictory in some places and we recommend revision. We are requesting authority from you to study the issue and make recommendations to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. The Rules and Procedures of the House Ethics Committee limits our committee's jurisdiction to reviewing and disposing of ethics complaints against members; adopting written procedures for handling complaints; considering complaints about open meeting requirements as referred by the Speaker; and considering matters referred to it by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration or the House. Specific jurisdiction to study and prepare recommendations in this instance would provide clarification to allow us to proceed.

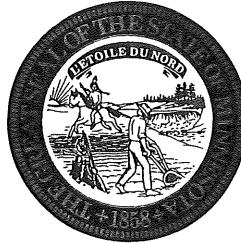
We appreciate your consideration of this matter. Thank you.



# Research Department

Thomas Todd, Director

600 State Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1201  
651-296-6753 [FAX 651-296-9887]



# Minnesota House of Representatives

March 17, 2000

**TO:** Representative Elaine Harder, Ethics Committee Co-chair  
Representative Bob Milbert, Ethics Committee Co-chair

**FROM:** Deborah K. McKnight, Legislative Analyst (651-296-5056)

**RE:** Speech and Debate Clause in Legislative Ethics Proceedings

You asked me to review case law on whether the speech and debate clause affects the legislature's ability to discipline a member for speech in the legislative process.

I found no case law indicating that the speech and debate clause prevents a legislature from hearing an ethics complaint against a member arising out of speech. However, there is some case law indicating that the federal Constitution limits sanctions that may be imposed on a legislator for pure speech.

## Speech and Debate Clause

The Minnesota Constitution contains the following provision, the last sentence of which is commonly known as the speech and debate clause:

The members of each house in all cases except treason, felony and breach of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest during the session of their respective houses and in going to or returning from the same. For any speech or debate in either house they shall not be questioned in any other place. **Art. IV, sec. 10.**

The above provision is similar to a federal constitutional provision that relates to Congress. Because there is no case law under the Minnesota speech and debate clause, it is reasonable to rely on cases construing the federal Constitution and the constitutions of other states with similar provisions.

The United States Supreme Court has explained the history and purpose of the federal clause in *United States v. Johnson*, 383 U.S. 169, 86 S.Ct. 749 (1966). The provision was adopted at the Constitutional Convention. It is almost identical to the English Bill of Rights. The purpose of the

another member. *Whitener v. McWatters*, 112 F.3d 740 (CA4, 1997). The discipline imposed was to remove the member from all standing committees and appointments to outside committees and commissions for a period of one year. The court found that the board had absolute legislative immunity against a federal civil rights suit brought by the disciplined member. It held that "a legislative body's discipline of one of its members is a core legislative act." 112 F.3d at 741.

Exclusion is an action that can only be taken against a member at the time he or she initially takes a seat in the body. Thus, the effect of the above cases is that there is no controlling authority addressing the possible range of actions the Ethics Committee might take in the matter pending before it at this time. "Controlling authority" would be a decision of the United States Supreme Court, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, the federal District Court in Minnesota, or the Minnesota state courts. The committee may, of course, be persuaded by the policy stated in either branch of the decisions cited above.

DM/ks

**Exchange during Debate on March 16, 2000 on Krinkie  
Amendment to Omnibus Crime bill**

Morgan/Lindner  
9:55 a.m.  
3-20-00

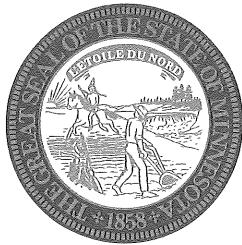
Rukavina: ... Representative Broecker, we listened to that bunch of BS here a few years back about a statewide systems project. Representative Kahn, how much was it supposed to save.

Skoglund: Representative Rukavina, Representative Skoglund

Speaker: Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order on proper words and debate and I think Representative Rukavina should not use certain language on this floor, even though the comments weren't directed to me I think the decorum of this House should be kept

Speaker: Representative Rukavina, we will strike those words. Representative Rukavina

Rukavina: Well, at least I didn't use the actual full words, Mr. Speaker. Representative Skoglund .....



Minnesota House of Representatives

**HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE HEARING**  
**March 20, 2000**

**Presentation by the Complainants**

# Rep. Paymar was respectful to Rep. Lindner

House Floor February 23, 2000 (*emphasis added*)

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**Paymar:** "I'm a little surprised at the majority leader bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is short legislative session. We have pressing items we should be debating. Now this is the second time that members of your caucus have brought this to the body to consume more time, more energy talking about whether, what kind of prayer we should have to start each session. Rep. Leppik, I thought, gave really a beautiful speech the last time this was brought up explaining the reason and purpose for the language that we currently have in rules that allows for nondenominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking the language out of rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me. So not only am I concerned about time that this is going to take from the busy work of doing Minnesota's work, but I'm concerned about the intent behind it, because it was only last year, Mr. Speaker, (*Paymar said he can't hear, Sviggum said it's not that loud*). It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and members, that I remember Rep. Lindner getting up before the House and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion the majority of this house, so why can't we have the kind of prayers that we want in this body. Now is that your intent? **I know that it's not in your heart to be disrespectful of those members who are not Christians** Rep. Lindner and others who are going to support this rule change. But it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful. You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body and the minority members, the minority religious members here. In my view. I know that's not in your heart and I know what your intent is. I have expressed this to you before how this makes members feel who are not Christians. Now, I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week, I get them on my e-mail, you invite people to your fellowships. Fine, do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before session starts if you feel you want prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be a part of that moment where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be nondenominational and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position and we vote down this rule change."

# **Rep. Lindner was speaking to Rep. Paymar**

*From the American Jewish World, March 3, 2000:*

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**For his part, Lindner allowed that his remark to Paymar "probably wasn't maybe the best choice of words," but said that Paymar, during his remarks on the House floor, "looked right at me, and started using my name..."**

**Lindner said that he should not be expected "to just stand still and take the kind of crap, basically, that Rep. Paymar was dishing out and then not respond to it."**

## **Rep. Lindner's remarks covered in the press:**

*Star Tribune, February 25, 2000*

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Lindner then responded to Paymar: 'You know we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left, not able to pray in the name of our God. . . . And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. . . . We have that privilege, and you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me."

## **From an op-ed piece by Rep. Lindner**

*Pioneer Press, March 6, 2000*

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During the Feb. 23 debate, I told Rep. Paymar, who opposed this restoration of the House rules, not to impose his "irreligious left" views on me.

# Dictionary definitions:

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**Irreligion**... 1. Want of religion : hostility to or disregard of religious principles... 2. False or perverted religion. *obs*

--from *Oxford English Dictionary*, 1961

**ir•re•lig•ious** \-+\ adj [L *irreligiosus*, ir. in - 'in + *religiosus* religious more at RELIGIOUS] 1 : Lacking recognized religious emotions, doctrines, or practices : UNGODLY 2 : of our constituting irreligion: PROFANE <~speech> 3 *obs* : relating to, believing in, or practicing a false religion...

--from *the Merriam Webster-Dictionary*, 1961

**ir•re•lig•ious** (ir- i-lij əs) adj. Hostile or indifferent to religion; ungodly...

--from *the American Heritage Dictionary*, 1992

## Count #1:

Pursuant to House Rule 6.10,  
Representative Arlon Lindner violated  
accepted norms of House behavior.

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A complaint may be brought about  
conduct by a member that . . . violates  
accepted norms of House behavior.

*Permanent Rules of the House 6.10.*

## **Rules Violation:**

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**During the debate on the proposed changes to House Rule 1.01, February 23, 2000, Representative Arlon Lindner violated specific provisions of the Code of Conduct of the Minnesota House of Representatives**

- Treat everyone with respect, fairness and courtesy.
- Accept public office as a public trust and endeavor to be worthy of that trust – by respecting the principles of representative democracy, by exemplifying good citizenship and high personal integrity, and by observing the letter and spirit of laws and rules.
- Use the power and facilities of office only to advance the common good.
- Be respectful of the House of Representatives as a fundamental institution of civil government.

## Count #2:

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Pursuant to House Rule 6.10, Representative Arlon Lindner brought the House into dishonor and disrepute.

A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that . . . tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.

*Permanent Rules of the House 6.10.*

# Protest and Dissent:

House Journal, February 23, 2000

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## PROTEST AND DISSENT

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota the following members of the Minnesota State House of Representatives file a formal dissent and protest as a result of the remarks of Representative Arlon Lindner on February 23, 2000.

On this day Representative Lindner defamed people of the Jewish faith by calling them irreligious and impugning the sincerity of their religious beliefs.

Article I, Section 16, of the Minnesota State Constitution protects the freedom of religion in the State of Minnesota. Representative Lindner's remarks do damage to the tradition of religious tolerance that we enjoy in the State of Minnesota and we must forcefully protest and dissent.

Submitted by:

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## ADJOURNMENT

Pawlenty moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2000. The motion prevailed.

Pawlenty moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Speaker declared the House stands adjourned until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 24, 2000.

EDWARD A. BURDICK, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

\*Reps. Storm & Kielucki have since withdrawn their names.

## **What other legislators think:**

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Rep. Ron Abrams in the Pioneer Press, February 26, 2000:

**"I think they were outrageous," Abrams said. "I think they were offensive to the body, and I believe they represented the views solely of Rep. Lindner."**

Rep. Tom Pugh in the Star Tribune, February 25, 2000:

**House Minority Leader Tom Pugh, DFL-South St. Paul, said Lindner's remarks were "one of the most shocking displays of insensitivity and intolerance that any of us can remember."**

## **Count #3:**

Pursuant to House Rule 9.01 the Rules Committee has established a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House. Representative Lindner violated Rule 6. 10 by indicating that members of this House should be excluded from participation in the business of the House after the House has been called to order pursuant to Rule 1.0 1. Rule 6. 10 states in part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that ... violates accepted norms of House behavior.**

By suggesting that Jewish members were not welcome during session Representative Lindner violated Rule 6. 10. No member should be made unwelcome during session on the basis of their religious belief.

# Dictionary definitions:

**Exception**... 6. Objection, demur, faultfinding;  
an instance of this, an objection, adverse criticism,  
complaint...

--from *Oxford English Dictionary*, 1961

**ex•cep•tion** \ik'sepshən... 3 a: something offered or offerable as objection or as a ground of objection or taken as objectionable...

--from *the Merriam Webster-Dictionary*, 1961

**ex•cep•tion** (ik sep shən) n...5. take exception, a. to make an objection; demur: *They took exception to several points of the contract.* b. to take offense: *She took exception to what I said about her brother...*

--from *the Random House Dictionary*, 1987

**ex•cep•tion** (ik-sep-shən) n...3. an objection or a criticism...4.

--from *the American Heritage Dictionary*, 1992

RICK MORGAN  
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KEITH REITMAN

**Rep. Arlon Lindner   Opening Comments   March 20, 2000**

**Good Morning, Madam Chair, members and visitors.**

**We are witnessing a historic day at the beginning of this 21st century here in Minnesota when an elected state official fulfilling his duties and debating issues in committees or on the House floor is allowed to be intimidated by false charges until silenced. Members, I won't be silenced.**

**I have served as a state representative for eight years and it never entered my mind that I would someday have to appear before this Ethics Committee. In the past, I only knew of members who had Ethics complaints filed against them because of investigations for gross misdemeanor or felony type charges pending outside this body. Here I am, before you, because I exercised my first amendment rights in a debate on the House floor. Actually, I'm charged for what someone thought I said instead of what I actually said.**

**The seriousness and nature of these charges have brought forth scores of people from my district and elsewhere who have offered their support and vote of confidence for me. This past Saturday, I was unanimously endorsed at our Republican District 33 convention in running for my fifth term. I want to publicly thank all our many friends for their support.**

**The complaints about me center around my referring to Rep. Michael Paymar's views toward my Christian faith as that of the "irreligious left," a term sometimes used like "religious right" is used, only in reverse. I would like to briefly state the charges and refute them.**

**Count 1. is that I made derogatory remarks about the Jewish faith.**

**I was addressing Representative Paymar's views about the Christian faith and did not mention anything about the Jewish faith.**

**Rep. Paymar said, "I know that that's not in your heart, to be disrespectful of those members that aren't Christians, Representative Lindner, and those others who are going to support this rule change. But it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful. You are imposing your own religious beliefs on this Body..."**

**This quote by Representative Paymar means that everyone that voted against the rule change was highly disrespectful to him but I am the only one charged today.**

**Count 2. is that I defamed people of the Jewish faith by calling them irreligious and impugning the sincerity of their religious beliefs.**

**I was talking to one person, Representative Paymar, and no one else. How anyone could have misconstrued this to mean all Jewish people is beyond me. Again, I was referring to Rep. Paymar's view of my faith, the Christian faith, which I said was that of the irreligious left.**

**Count 3. is that I suggested that Jewish members are not welcome during session.**

**This charge is absurd! Majority leader, Tim Pawlenty, said "prayers are before session, that no one is excluded." I agree with his statement, "You can choose to not come and come after the prayer or wait out wherever you like if you want."**

**Different members do this on a regular basis all the time and no one thinks any different of them.**

**Madam Chair and Members, I hereby declare that I am innocent of all three charges.**

**From:** <DSiegel836@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 3/6/00 12:34PM  
**Subject:** Prayer dispute

Dear Representative Lindner:

I write in support of your actions with respect to the "House prayer" dispute that erupted recently. As a Jew (and coincidentally, a constituent of Rep. Paymar), I agree with you that the "irreligious left" has used demonization and ridicule to marginalize anyone who disagrees with their statist agendas, particularly those of faith.

Although I do not much care how the House regulates its prayers, I understand and share your frustration.

I offer no solution, but hope you stand on principle and not buckle under to those who would label you a "right-wing" crank.

Sincerely,

David Siegel  
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**From:** Joe Seidel <jseidel@progroupinc.com>  
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**Date:** 3/6/00 11:12AM  
**Subject:** Thank you!

3/6/00

Dear Representative Lindner,

I would like to thank you for standing up for your beliefs and articulating your thoughts in such a clear and concise manner. I am of the same opinion that the only groups that can be criticized with impunity are conservatives, Christians of all denominations, the "Religious Right", and even our political leaders. It is quite amazing that if you are liberal you can level charges of intolerance against anyone you disagree with for the simple reason that they do not hold the exact same views. It appears that the only people who are intolerant are the liberals when you disagree with them.

Please keep up the good work and know that there are a lot of Minnesotans praying for you (gasp!) and your colleagues.

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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Dear Representative Lindner:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on Monday, March 13, 2000. We appreciate the frank discussion and the opportunity to learn your perspective on the House prayer issue.

We hope we successfully communicated to you our views with regard to the statement that you made on the House floor. While we understand that some may interpret your comment to Mr. Paymar regarding his "irreligious left" views as anti-Semitic, your explanation, that it was a response to the label "religious right," is reasonable and sincere.

At the same time, we were offended by the following comment you made during your floor speech:

You know, we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left not able to pray in the name of our God.... And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here.... We have that privilege, and you need to exercise it.

Rather than calling for prayer that respects the many religious traditions of your colleagues and the constituents you and they represent, this comment does the exact opposite. The message it sends is not one of inclusion, respect and tolerance but of division, disregard and coercion.

We would appreciate an expeditious response that addresses our concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Hunegs  
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Dear Rep. Lindner,

Here is an official statement by Rabbi Daniel Lapin on the subject of public prayer, sectarianism, and tolerance. Feel free to quote from this statement in any way that suits your needs.

1. Public prayer is crucial for the long-term welfare of every community, and invoking God's blessing on the proceedings of a legislative assembly is particularly important.
2. Prayer is, by its very nature, exclusive and sectarian. Even with a deliberate effort to pray in an ecumenical manner, it is virtually impossible to ensure that everyone hearing the prayer will feel "included." When one prays on behalf of a group, it is far more important that the prayer reflect a sincere religious conviction than that it satisfy its human audience.
3. The only way to satisfy both the communal need for public prayer, and the individual need to pray from a genuine religious tradition, is to respect religious diversity, and to extend tolerance toward the prayers of others—even when we may disagree with them.
4. The practice of requiring public prayers to conform to a standard of nonsectarian neutrality not only makes a mockery of tolerance and diversity, it is deeply disrespectful toward the very purpose of prayer, and it wrongfully elevates the feelings of listeners above the relationship between man and God that all sincere prayers strive to achieve.

Warmest regards,

Adam Pruzan  
Program Director

### Testimony of Karen Mathias

Thank you Mr. Chair for allowing me to testify on behalf of Representative Lindner.

My name is Karen Mathias I was raised as a Jew and I wish to speak to in support of Representative Lindner. If I as a Jew were to be sitting in the House Chambers, I would want my Rabbi to be able to address my God using his name whether referring to him as Adonai, Eloheynu, Ha-Shem or some other common Jewish attestation. I would also like to see a Moslem be able to pray in the name of Allah. Likewise, I would want all religious representatives to be able to pray in their god's name, including Christians to be able to pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Representative Lindner has been brought before this Ethics Committee and is accused of Anti-Semitism. To me I do not see the Anti-Semitism within his statement. I checked the transcript from the day in question and I also read the newspaper articles from the day in question. First I see no reference to Representative Paymar's being Jewish, or the state of Israel, or to anything that would bring to recollection anything that is a reference to things Jewish. I see no name-calling, not anything as Jew that I would find offensive. Second, I have been a victim of Anti-Semitism, growing up in Brooklyn Park, I was only one of two Jewish people In Anoka Sr. High, and there were several times where I was called a "dirty Jew" and a few times where I was told, "I killed Christ.". Additionally, my Grandfather who is a professional businessperson within the Minneapolis Community and a prominent engineer, and he was not allowed to join a certain golf course in the Minneapolis area. My Grandfather was not allowed to join MENSA because of his Jewish background. My Grandfather was also denied many opportunities for employment because of his Jewishness, it was so difficult that he had to create his own firm. I also saw people in my Synagogue who still bore the numbers on their arms from the camps of the Holocaust.

I bring these things up not for pity, not for victim status, but to illustrate a point all of these are in fact Anti-Semitism. These are truly serious problems that need to be dealt with both now and in the future. What Representative Lindner said was not Anti-Semitic or Anti-Semitism. I am sorry from a Jewish view that Representative Paymar would use this discussion on the floor of the House to accuse a fellow House Member of such a charge in light of the real serious incidences of Anti-Semitism that unfortunately still take place today.

This statement is respectfully submitted to the Ethics Committee by Karen Mathias.

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**Rep. Arlon W. Lindner**

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Dear Rep. Lindner,

Thank you for communicating with Toward Tradition on what has to be a difficult and trying problem for you. Rabbi Lapin is out of town for the next few days, but I will do my best to give you whatever assistance I can.

First, I hope you will clarify and/or confirm the factual situation. Is it really the case that the sole piece of evidence against you is your underlined statement on Page 3 of the transcript you faxed to us (which included your "irreligious left" remark)? If so, it seems to me that your accusers are on very thin ice indeed. That statement was indeed sharp and hard-hitting, but how on Earth does it violate the rules of your House?

Second, I think you did an outstanding job of defending your position in the newspaper op-ed you faxed us. (In fact, when the current unpleasantness is behind us, I hope you will allow me to reprint your article in the Toward Tradition newsletter.) If you hold firm to the points you made in that article, you will not only prevail, but will be making an invaluable contribution to religious freedom for all Americans.

Third, it seems to me absolutely essential that you carefully document, with the appropriate transcripts, the statements of the liberals you mentioned in your article: Rep. Leppik's admission that the previous rules change was meant to neuter Christian prayer, and Rep. Kahn's use (unfortunately so typical) of Hitler's name to intimidate her opposition. In fact, if the rules of your House permit, perhaps it would be appropriate for you to file charges against Rep. Kahn.

Fourth, from the transcript you sent us, it seems that at no point following your allegedly offensive remark did Rep. Paymar—the supposed target of the offense—make any complaint to this effect.

That might be a point worth making in your own defense, as it suggests that what is at issue here is not any affront to another member of your House, but a partisan attack on your political ideas.

Fifth, the second underlined statement of Rep. Paymer on Page 2 goes right to the heart of this dispute: First he says that you are "imposing your religious beliefs on the rest of this body," then he retreats (perhaps without realizing it) and speaks of "how this makes certain Members feel, who are not Christians." Well, which is it? As in the case of sexual harassment laws, we seem to be sliding down a slippery slope, in which some people's subjective feelings start to trump other people's right of free speech.

Sixth, if you would like to be able to quote an explicit statement of Rabbi Lapin's in support of your position, I would be delighted to draft one and to get the rabbi's approval for it. We should discuss exactly what such a statement might contain. I have also enclosed two pages from Toward Tradition's Winter 1999 newsletter. This material includes a letter that I drafted, which was signed by Rabbi Daniel Greer, Dean of the Yeshiva of New Haven, rebuking the New Haven Jewish Council for their attempt to stop the Board of Aldermen from opening their meetings with prayers.

Please call me at any time if I can be of further assistance.

Warmest regards,



Adam Pruzan  
Program Director

March 20, 2000  
13 Adar II, 5760

Honorable Elaine Harder  
Chair  
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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Dear Madam Chair:

During this morning's consideration of the complaint against Rep. Lindner, a man by the name of Edward L. Rothman appeared as a witness of Rep. Lindner. Mr. Rothman considers himself to be a "messianic rabbi."

Without commenting on the substance of Mr. Rothman's remarks, we want to alert you and your colleagues on the panel to the fact that Mr. Rothman is neither a rabbi nor a member of the Jewish faith. Therefore, his comments should not be regarded as a Jewish or rabbinical view.

We understand from Rep. Lindner's counsel that Mr. Rothman was thought to be capable of offering both Christian and Jewish perspectives regarding the complaint. Mr. Rothman believes in the divinity of Jesus Christ, which is, of course, a belief fundamental to the Christian faith that Jews respect but do not follow.

Mr. Rothman is a Christian, who may or may not be qualified to offer a Christian perspective. That is for you to decide. But because he is not a Jew, he is not qualified to offer a Jewish perspective, and he is not regarded as a rabbi.

It would be impossible to overstate to you the views of the Jewish community with regard to "Jews for Jesus" or "messianic Jews," who pass themselves off as Jews. This inherently deceiving approach was illustrated this morning, before the panel, when both legislators and the media were made to believe that Mr. Rothman was a Jew and rabbi.

We hope to have clarified any confusion on this matter, and we continue to be available to you, your colleagues, and the charging and defending legislators.

Thank you for considering our heartfelt views.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Silberfarb  
Executive Director



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cc: Hon. Matt Entenza, Hon. Arlon Lindner, Hon. Ann Rest, Hon. Wes Skoglund,  
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## JCRC COMMENTS ON LINDNER ETHICS HEARING

The following statement was issued by Stephen R. Silberfarb, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas (JCRC), in regards to the Minnesota House of Representatives Ethics Committee hearing on the ethics complaint filed against State Representative Arlon Lindner:

"Our understanding of the ethics complaint is that Rep. Lindner is not charged with making comments that are anti-Semitic. He is charged with making comments that violate House rules. The House is a self-governing body and this matter is an internal one under the proper jurisdiction of the Ethics Committee, and we respect the committee process.

"On March 13, 2000, the JCRC met with Rep. Lindner regarding comments he made during the recent House floor debate on a change to the House rules. While we understand that some may interpret Rep. Lindner's comments to Rep. Paymar regarding his 'irreligious left' views as anti-Semitic, Rep. Lindner's explanation that it was a response to the label 'religious right' is reasonable and sincere.

"By no means are we stating that the "irreligious left" comment was acceptable. It was, we believe, a poorly worded play on words that was offensive and for which Rep. Lindner should apologize.

"As we related to Rep. Lindner and the Ethics Committee, JCRC was offended by the following comments made by Rep. Lindner during the debate on February 23:

'You know, we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left not able to pray in the name of our God.... And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here.... We have that privilege, and you need to exercise it.'

"Such views reflect a lack of inclusion, respect, and tolerance of the many religious traditions of legislators of the House and of the citizens of Minnesota. We have asked Rep. Lindner to apologize for these comments.

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## DFLers file complaint over colleague's anti-Semitic remark

By MORDECAI SPECKTOR  
Assistant Editor

A Minnesota legislator has been formally charged with an ethics violation for making a remark taken to be an anti-Semitic slur on the floor of the state House of Representatives.

During a debate Feb. 23 over the rule governing the kind of prayer used to open House sessions, Rep. Arlon Lindner, R-Corcoran, turned to Rep. Michael Paymar, DFL-St. Paul, who is Jewish, and said, "...don't impose your irreligious left views on me."

Lindner's remark was met by gasps and hissing. A number of legislators then rose on the House floor and condemned his statement.

The representatives were voting on a proposed change to the permanent House rules regarding the chaplain's opening prayer — for the fourth time in two years. The proposal sought to delete phrases requiring a prayer that is "nondenominational" and "respects the religious diversity of the House."

Those phrases were inserted in the rules last year following complaints about a youth choir singing a Christian hymn to open the legislative session. The changes to the rules were approved on a largely partisan vote in the Republican-controlled House.

"It certainly shocked me that he would say that...especially, on the floor of the House," Paymar told the AJW last week. "I took it very personally. I didn't say anything...but several of my colleagues blasted Rep. Lindner for making such an inappropriate and offensive statement."

At the end of the House session, 60 lawmakers, both DFL and Republican, signed a formal "dissent and protest" regarding Lindner's remarks. Printed in the official daily Journal of the House, it said, in part: "Representative Lindner defamed people of the Jewish faith by calling them irreligious and impugning the sincerity of their religious beliefs....Representative Lindner's remarks do damage to the tradition of religious tolerance that we enjoy in the State of Minnesota and we must forcefully protest and dissent."

Also, on Feb. 25, four DFL representatives filed an ethics complaint with the House speaker. The complaint will be referred to the bipartisan House Ethics Committee, which is obliged to consider the matter before the end of the legislative session. The committee could recommend disciplinary action, such as a reprimand; any recommendation would go to the full House for disposition.

At a Feb. 24 press conference announcing the intention to file an ethics complaint, Rep. Ann Rest, DFL-New Hope — one of the four Democratic House members bringing the complaint — stated, "Characterizing Rep. Paymar's Jewish faith as 'irreligious' is outrageous. It seems clear that Rep. Lindner does not believe that a person can be pious or principled if they are

not of his faith. There was absolutely no justification for his remarks."

In a Feb. 25 letter to the DFL House caucus, Paymar expressed his desire not to be "involved in the ethics complaint" that his colleagues filed, although he wrote that he appreciated their effort. Paymar stated that he did not intend "to become the lightning rod in this controversy over prayer in the House....I want to make sure that the focus remains on the larger issue and not on me as an individual."

Christian conservatives in the Minnesota House believe that visiting chaplains should be allowed to say whatever type of prayer they desire — frequently, the opening prayer has been said in the name of Jesus Christ.

In an interview with the AJW, Rep. Arlon Lindner — who holds a master of divinity degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Minneapolis — expressed dismay that the House rule on prayer was changed last year, "...cause it's been nothing but confusion and a problem for those of us that actually believe that prayer means something."

During the Feb. 23 House debate, both Lindner and House Majority Leader Tim Pawlenty suggested that those who object to such prayers could leave the House floor.

"The statements that Jewish members and other members are expected to leave [the House floor during the prayer] shows the tremendous insensitivity to the rights of anyone who isn't of the dominant religion," remarked Rep. Matt Entenza, DFL-St. Paul, who initiated the protest petition and is one of the legislators filing the ethics complaint against Lindner.

"I think it's important to call this remark what it was, which was clearly anti-Semitic, and inflammatory, and derogatory to all Jewish people. And it requires a very strong reaction," Entenza told the AJW.

He pointed out that Lindner's conservative positions are well known to his House colleagues, but that he "crossed the line this time...instead of attacking people on a political basis, he labeled Jewish people 'irreligious.'"

For his part, Lindner allowed that his remark to Paymar "probably wasn't maybe the best choice of words," but said that Paymar, during his remarks on the House floor,

right...and I kind of got back by saying, if I'm on the religious right, he's on the irreligious left."

Lindner said that he approached Rep. Jim Rhodes, a Republican legislator from suburban Minneapolis, who is Jewish, following the Feb. 23 incident and explained that his remarks were not "directed at Jews in general, because I love Jewish people, I love Israel. And I have studied Israel's history and the Old Testament, and, you know, the law and the prophets mean a lot to me. And I wouldn't want to do anything that even appeared like I was anti-Jew or something, because I'm not."

In a press statement last week, Steven Hunegs, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), condemned the change in the House rules to allow sectarian prayers, and Lindner's "disparaging comments" to Paymar.

"Simple decency also compels an apology in this matter," said Hunegs. "At the same time, the JCRC hopes to transform these ugly comments into a learning opportunity. State Rep. Lindner and the JCRC will be meeting in the near future to discuss the situation."



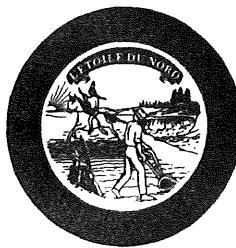
**Rep. Arlon Lindner:** It's a problem for those of us that actually believe that prayer means something.

"looked right at me, and started using my name..."

Lindner said that he should not be expected "to just stand still and take the kind of crap, basically, that Rep. Paymar was dishing out and then not respond to it."

As to the allegation that his remark was anti-Semitic, Lindner jocularly remarked that Paymar has accused him of "being part of the Christian right, and the religious

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FROM: Rep. Harder

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine".

RE: Authorization from Speaker

Authorization has been received from the Speaker to proceed as per our committee's recommendation to work on rules.

I hope we can get started in May. Let me know if you have any blocks of time in May that you know you will not be available to begin this work.

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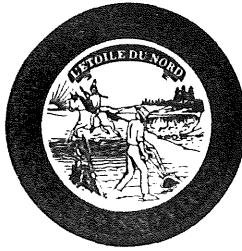


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March 31, 2000

TO: Rep. Elaine Harder, Chair  
House Ethics Committee

FROM: Speaker Steve Sviggum *[Signature]*

RE: Request to Recommend Revisions to House Rules

Thank you for your memo citing contradictory provisions in House Rules relating to speech in debate which you feel require revision. You request my authority to review these rules and suggest clarifying changes to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

By this memo I am granting the Ethics Committee specific jurisdiction to study the issue of inconsistencies in House Rules and to make recommendations for clarification to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

Your identification of inconsistencies and offer to recommend corrective language is greatly appreciated.



## STATEMENT BY KEITH REITMAN

My name is Keith Reitman, a Jewish person and friend of Arlon Lindner generally connected with Jewish thought and Jewish community. Each month I read the Jewish World, the Jewish Forward, the Jerusalem Report and recently the publication Moment Biblical Archaeology Review.

After reading a report in the Jewish World on Arlon Lindner's comments on the House floor titled "DFL'ers File Complaint over Colleague's Anti-Semitic Remark," I inquired into this matter.

My inquiry led me to speak with Mordecai, Spector Reporter, and an editor of Jewish World. I then had opportunities to speak with my friend Arlon Lindner, Steve Hunegs, and Stephen Silberfarb from the Jewish Community Relations Council, and Rep. Michael Paymar, St. Paul. These conversations were a great opportunity for me because I learned more about the sincere religious views of Arlon Lindner. I learned about the calm, thoughtful, friendly, knowledgeable problem analyzing and problem solving skills of the JCRC, and the responsible, amiable, and reasonable outlook of Rep. Paymar.

I felt a lot in common with Rep. Paymar and I told him so. The whole debate about prayer in the House reminded me of my childhood on the south side of Chicago where I attended elementary school at a huge brick Victorian Gothic building named Edger Allen Poe School. I was almost the only Jew there and Christmas time there was difficult for me. But even as a 10 year old, I resisted singing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree. At Christmas assembly, my teacher said "you don't have to sing, just mouth the words." Times sure have changed since then.

In regard to the comment, "don't impose your irreligious left views on me" made by Arlon Lindner as reported in the Jewish World, I ask all assembled to yield to the JCRC opinion written in a letter to Arlon dated March 14, 2000 that his explanation was "reasonable and sincere." Hence, I believe, not bigoted at all.

I wish to review the longer statement made by Arlon by breaking his quote down, line by line and mixing it together in a fictional but plausible dialogue with me. I shall be a freshman legislator who has turned to Arlon for advise and information in private conversation. I shall use his words verbatim from the record and add some words he might say to clarify his verbatim quotes.

Me: Arlon, with the reinstatement of Sectarian, uncensored prayer, I'm hearing some religious leaders invoking Jesus Christ in prayer. Why is that?

Arlon: You know, we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man, Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians, and we shouldn't be left not able to pray in the name of our God.

Me: I'm from a very diverse district, I've got Asian and African constituents who kill an animal as prayer and sometimes its messy.

Arlon: "If you don't like it, you may have to like it," because we are very diverse community here in Minnesota, and I bet almost all prayer is a sincere reaching out to a higher power.

Me: You mentioned to me how you avoided a religious ceremony over in the House chamber, that you thought might upset you or make you feel uncomfortable. Should I plug my ears and cover my eyes if Buddha, Rama, the Great Spirit or the Holy Ghost is invoked in a prayer at the House chamber.

Arlon: "Or just don't come." "I don't come sometimes for some prayers here." "I enter the chamber to represent my constituents after the prayer has ended." "We have that privilege, and you need to exercise it." So you can avoid being uncomfortable without interfering in diversity.

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Dear Editor,

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I returned from a very nice 10 days in Florida to find your front page article about my friend, Representative Arlon Lindner. The article was headlined: "DFLers file complaint over colleague's anti-Semitic remark." Arlon making anti-Semitic remarks?! I was floored. I have often been together with Arlon. I have never sensed even a hint of anti-Semitism. Indeed, he was among the first 2 or 3 State Legislators to endorse my run for the U.S. Senate in 1996.

Nor do I find his remark made to a Jewish legislator – "don't impose your irreligious left views on me" – as being anti-Semitic. I would regard the remark as directed at the other legislator's political not religious views. Is it a good choice of words? Certainly not, but it's a stretch to regard them as anti-Semitic. Those of us who know Arlon, his sincerity, and depth of personal faith can understand his pique about the debate that took place about the nature of the prayer which opens the legislative day at the Minnesota House of Representatives.

There is always an opening prayer at the U.S. Senate. It was either the Senate Chaplain or a visiting minister or Rabbi. I often invited Minnesota Rabbis and Ministers to give the opening prayer. It was quite an honor for them and for us, and then they would have the "privileges of the floor" for the whole day. It was always our habit to meet and greet the visiting chaplain. It is a very nice tradition. I believe they were asked to submit their prayer to the Senate Chaplain in advance and in the vast majority of cases the prayers were universal. Perhaps the Chaplain counseled them. I really don't know. But universality was certainly not always the case.

One Jewish Senator frequently objected when the prayer was not universal or mentioned Jesus. I did not. I felt people could pray in their own way and so would I. Frankly, some opening prayers were lengthy lectures to the Senate, sometimes almost in filibuster duration! I found those harder to bear than a minister praying in the name of his or her God.

There is open season for criticizing the thoughts and motivations of religious conservatives like Arlon. No complaints are ever filed. Nobody seems to object to that. But if a conservative makes the slightest misstep, watch out - the fur sure flies!

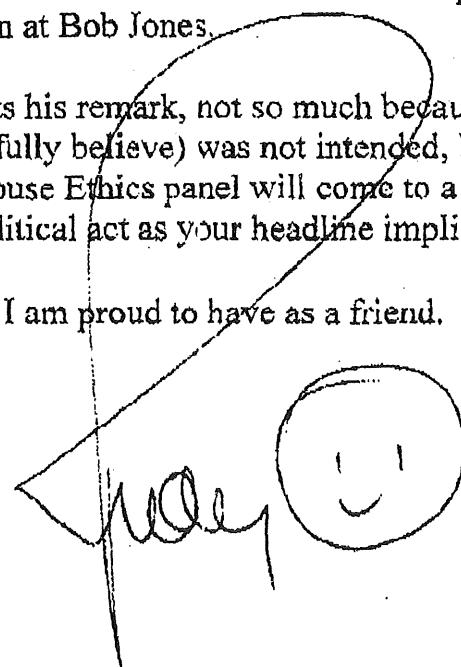
There really is a double standard. When Al Gore and Bill Bradley met privately in Harlem with the Rev. Al Sharpton, the blatantly anti-Semitic New York Minister who was also the chief sponsor of a recent Gore-Bradley debate, little was said. Gore justified his meeting by saying: "He (Sharpton) received something like I think 131,000 votes in the last New York City election." I was particularly disappointed in Bill Bradley who I know so well as having higher standards.

What would have happened if a Republican presidential candidate met privately with David Duke and then justified the meeting by saying Duke received 671,000 votes in a gubernatorial election, as he did. I would certainly lead the hue and cry. We threw Duke out of our Party long ago and the Democrats should do the same to Sharpton who is no less reprehensible.

But let George W. go to Bob Jones University and all hell breaks loose. It is proof of his anti-Catholicism, even though his brother is a Catholic and a parade of other candidates of both parties have preceded him at Bob Jones.

I understand Arlon regrets his remark, not so much because of its supposed anti-Semitic tone which he tells me (and I fully believe) was not intended, but because it offended one of his colleagues. I trust the House Ethics panel will come to a similar conclusion and see this complaint as a simple political act as your headline implied.

Arlon is a good guy who I am proud to have as a friend.



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**M**uch has been written concerning my remarks during the Minnesota House debate on Feb. 23 regarding the prayer before each House session.

A little background might be helpful to set the record straight. For 142 years, a wide variety of Minnesotans from diverse religious traditions provided prayer to open the House session: Lutherans, Muslims, Catholics, Jews, Baptists and those of Native American faiths, just to name a few.

In January 1999, a choir from Totino-Grace High School in Fridley was invited to sing for the opening prayer ceremony. Keeping with the school's religious tradition, the choir sang a beautiful song based on the Apostles' Creed. Afterward, Rep. Michael Paymar, DFL-St. Paul, and a few other legislators expressed their discomfort because the name Jesus Christ was used in the words of the song.

Rather than simply accepting the differences in faith, Reps. Betty McCollum, DFL-North St. Paul, and Peggy Leppik, R-Golden Valley, after shaming some legislators, managed to place new restrictions and qualifications for prayer into the House rules. Rep. Leppik admitted on the House floor that this was done mainly to stop Christians from praying in Jesus's name, which those who prayed seldom did anyway.

**ARLON  
LINDNER**  
GUEST  
COLUMNIST

*How do you define 'religious tolerance' when it comes to the prayers said at the opening of Minnesota House floor sessions?*

## Liberals are trying to intimidate Christians

This session, I joined several of my House colleagues to undo this intolerant change, to restore the rules to what they had been for 142 years — to allow individuals to pray according to their beliefs, whatever their religious tradition may be. Most members, including myself, appreciated the natural diversity that came from this freedom of expression. I am pleased that a bipartisan majority of the House agreed and voted to remove the restrictive language.

During the Feb. 23 debate, I told Rep. Paymar, who opposed this restoration of the House rules, not to impose his "irreligious left" views on me. I meant my remarks on the "irreligious left" to contrast the overused and often-abused term "religious right." But because I was speaking to Rep. Paymar, a legislator of Jewish faith, he and other legislators tried to capitalize politically by arguing that my statement was intolerant, or even anti-Semitic.

This is absurd and absolutely untrue. In my speech on the House floor, I did not make any reference whatsoever to Rep. Paymar being Jewish. I love the Jewish people and the nation of Israel. My Christian faith, after all, has deep and precious roots in Judaism.

This strategy by those on the political left to stop debate through intimidation and victimization must stop. It is destructive to the free and open political process our founders worked so hard to create and our soldiers have fought so hard to protect.

While preaching tolerance and acceptance, the political irreligious left has singled out Christians for discrimination. It has an agenda, and Christians are increasingly the target. During the debate on the House prayer last January, Rep. Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis, compared using the name Jesus in the choir's song to intimidating Jewish people in the way Adolf Hitler had done during the Holocaust.

These sorts of inflammatory statements have led some of the more deranged members of society to commit violence towards Christians. Think of Larry Gene Ashbrook shouting, "It's all bulls... what you believe!" as he shot up a Fort Worth church last year. Or the high school student in Kentucky who opened fire on a prayer group in 1997. Or Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris targeting Christians, along with African-American students and athletes, at Columbine High School. Where is this extreme hatred these people evidently have of Christian coming from?

The charges that I defamed people of Jewish faith by calling them "irreligious" are bogus and nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to discredit me in an election year. My conservative reputation, my deeply held beliefs and convictions, combined with the fact that I have led a Wednesday morning fellowship group for four years, has apparently made me a political target.

I earnestly hope that the liberal members of the House will stop being thought and speech police so we can get on with the business of governing the state of Minnesota.

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## Let's pray that religious tolerance is extended mutually in all directions



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The punitive response to Rep. Arlon Lindner's ill-considered remarks betrays, at least in part, intolerance toward uppity conservatives.

Two years ago, a group of Jewish legislators, all DFLers, publicly chastised St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman for belittling their religion.

Coleman, a Jewish Republican, had employed an Old Testament phrase — "Let my people go!" — while urging state funding for St. Paul's hockey arena. The lawmakers termed this whimsical flourish "highly offensive and insulting."

The problem with exaggerated, politicized complaints about religious or ethnic insensitivity is that they tend to trivialize all such complaints. Here, perhaps, is an illustration.

There appear to be genuine hurt feelings over ill-considered remarks uttered last week in the Minnesota House of Representatives. But the history of liberal lawmakers using religious indignation to batter political opponents makes it hard to be sure.

Last week's war of words concerned the prayers that open sessions of the House. A year ago, the House voted to require an opening prayer that is "nondenominational" and "reflects the religious diversity of the House." Last week, the body reversed that decision.

The House has long invited clergy of many faiths to deliver opening prayers from their various traditions on different days. The trouble started last year, when a choir sang explicitly Christian lyrics that struck some members as excessively sectarian and inconsiderate of non-Christian members.

But other members thought the new requirements would make any authentic prayer difficult.

Unfortunately, last week's debate boiled over. All the attention has been focused on a statement by Rep. Arlon Lindner. R-

Corcoran. He was responding to Rep. Michael Paymar, DFL-St. Paul, one of the Jewish lawmakers who protested Coleman's biblical reference.

Paymar faulted "Rep. Lindner and others" for "imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body."

Lindner, a fervent Christian conservative, in turn told Paymar, "Don't impose your irreligious left views on me."

The response to Lindner has been fierce, beginning with 64 House members, including a dozen Republicans, formally protesting that Lindner had "defamed people of the Jewish faith," though he made no reference to Jewish people in general. Four DFLers have filed an ethics complaint. Included in heavy press coverage was an editorial in a rival newspaper insisting that Lindner had brought "anti-Semitism . . . a shameful part of Minnesota's past" to "the floor of the Minnesota House."

Now, Lindner's remarks will win no prize for courteous debate. But the punitive response betrays, at least in part, intolerance toward uppity conservatives.

Just how polite is public debate nowadays? Obviously, as Lindner says, the term "irreligious left" is a play on "religious right," a put-down label routinely applied to conservative Christians.

The rival editorial page that condemned Lindner had, only two days earlier, excoriated "the religious right," "the religious fringe" and "evangelist Pat Robertson" for employing what the editorial judged "un-Christian" tactics against Republican presidential candidate John McCain. The editorial also accused "the right-to-life establishment" of opposing McCain solely because he would "shut off the slush funding . . ."

Last fall, the same champions of religious tolerance had laughed off as "a jolly good read" Gov. Jesse Ventura's Playboy interview, in which he called organized religion "a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people."

A computer search shows the term "religious right" has appeared in this newspaper more than 700 times since 1988. The term "irreligious left" had appeared twice before last week.

Last year, liberals widely criticized New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani for undermining free speech by suggesting taxpayer money ought not fund an art exhibit featuring an image of the Virgin Mary adorned with elephant dung. Some years back, a publicly supported photography show including a crucifix submerged in urine received similar support.

In America today, if you say a Christian prayer in public you're showing disrespect to non-Christians. If you display a sacred Christian symbol covered with excrement, you're in line for a public arts grant.

Given the modern casualness about Christians' feelings, maybe it's understandable that Lindner could underestimate the sensitivity of other religious groups. Lindner says he was bothered by Paymar's suggesting the prayer debate was wasting lawmakers' time.

Still, his response, given the context of the debate, was clumsy and harsh. Lindner says he wants to make it clear that he was addressing "one guy," and meant no disparagement of the Jewish faith.

One would like to believe that the House — and, indeed, the whole of American society — can find better ways to honor religious belief in all its forms in a spirit of mutual courtesy and forbearance.

But it's not only Christian conservatives who have work to do to get us there.

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## Lindner's free speech

I am not a Christian, but neither do I have a chip on my shoulder about people who are. If Rep. Arlon Lindner, R-Corcoran, wants to express his personal religious views on the floor of the Minnesota House, he is constitutionally entitled to do so. To drag him before the House Ethics Committee is improper and a violation of the First Amendment.

— William McGaughey, Minneapolis.

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## Perhaps it's time to end prayer at Legislature

Steven Hunegs and Stephen Silberfarb recently [Monday] stated their opposition to sectarian prayer in the state House of Representatives. They cite a prayer by Iman Matthew Ramadan, invoking the names of David, Solomon, Jesus and Mohammed, as an "inspirational" example of nonsectarian prayer.

Hunegs and Silberfarb fail to recognize Ramadan's prayer is every bit as sectarian as a Christian prayer which would mention only Jesus Christ.

The Muslim faith asserts there is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet. Muslims also recognize other prophets, including David, Solomon and Jesus. It would appear Ramadan's prayer was no more broad than his faith allows. Muslims take exception to any prayer which elevates anyone other than Allah to the position of godhood.

Some Jews (Hunegs and Silberfarb apparently excluded) will take exception to invoking blessing from anyone except Yahweh. Christians will take exception to invoking blessings from anyone outside of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Atheists will take exception to any prayer. The list goes on.

Hunegs and Silberfarb must take their argument to its logical end: truly nonsectarian prayer can only be achieved by addressing some nameless deity in so broad a fashion that no faith is excluded and no truth-claim is denied. Such a prayer must be so devoided of meaning it will satisfy no one except those who find comic relief in its very utterance.

Perhaps it is time to eliminate formal prayer from our legislative sessions.

*Mike Knox*

*Spooner, Wis.*

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**irregular galaxy.** Astron. a galaxy with no specific form and a relatively low mass. (1960-65)

**irregularity** (i reg'ya lar'i te), n., pl. -ties for 2, 3.

1. the quality or state of being irregular. 2. something irregular. 3. a breach of rules, customs, etiquette, morality, etc. 4. occasional mild constipation. (1275-1325; ME *irregularite* < OF \*ML *irregularitas*. See IR-<sup>4</sup>, REGULARITY)

**irregular variable.** Astron. a variable star whose brightness variation is irregular. Also called **irregular variable star**. (1900-05)

**irrelative** (i rel'a tiv), adj. 1. not relative; without relation (usually fol. by to). 2. not pertinent; irrelevant. (1630-40; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RELATIVE) —irrel'a tive-ly, adv. —irrel'a tive-ness, n.

**irrellevance** (i rel'a vans), n. 1. the quality or condition of being irrelevant. 2. an irrelevant thing, act, etc. (1840-50; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RELEVANCE)

**irrelevancy** (i rel'a van sel), n., pl. -cies. irrelevance. (1795-1805; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RELEVANCY)

**irrelevant** (i rel'a vant), adj. 1. not relevant; not applicable or pertinent: His lectures often stray to interesting but irrelevant subjects. 2. Law. (of evidence) having no probative value upon any issue in the case. (1780-90; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RELEVANT) —irrel'e vant-ly, adv.

**Pronunciation.** The pronunciation of **IRRELEVANT** (i rel'a vant) as (i rev'a lant), as if spelled **irrelevant**, is the result of metathesis, the transposition of two sounds, in this case, the (l) and the (v). **RELEVANT**, the base word, is occasionally subject to the same process. Analogy with words like **prevalent** and **equivalent** may play a role. A similar reordering of the (l) and (v) consonant sounds, although not a strict one-to-one metathesis, can be heard for **CALVARY** (kal'va reɪ) when pronounced (kav'al reɪ). Here the transposition is reinforced by the existence of the familiar word **cavalry**.

**irrelievable** (i rel'i le've bal), adj. not relievable; incapable of being relieved. (1660-70; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RELIEVABLE)

**irreligion** (i rel'i lij'an), n. 1. lack of religion. 2. hostility or indifference to religion; impiety. (1585-95; < L *irreligio*- (s. of *irreligio*). See IR-, RELIGION) —ir'rel'i gion-ist, n.

**irreligious** (i rel'i lij'sis), adj. 1. not religious; not practicing a religion and feeling no religious impulses or emotions. 2. showing or characterized by a lack of religion. 3. showing indifference or hostility to religion; irreligious statements. (1555-65; < L *irreligiosus*. See IR-, RELIGIOUS) —ir'rel'i glous-ly, adv. —ir'rel'i gious-ness, ir'rel'i gosity (i rel'i lij'os'i te), n.

—Syn. 3. profane, sacrilegious, ungodly.

**irremediable** (i rem'e si bal, i rem'e-), adj. Literary. permitting no return to the original place or condition; irreversible. (1560-70; < L *irremedialis*, equiv. to IR-<sup>4</sup> + *remedare* to come back (re- RE- + *mede* to go; cf. PERMEATE) + -bilis-*able*) —ir'rem'e diab-ly, adv.

**irremediable** (i rem'e dē a bal), adj. not admitting of remedy, cure, or repair; irremediable conduct. (1540-60; < L *irremedialis*. See IR-, REMEDIAL) —ir'rem'e diab-ness, n. —ir'rem'e diab-ly, adv.

**irremissible** (i rem'i mis'a bal), adj. 1. not remissible; unpardonable, as a sin. 2. unable to be remitted or postponed, as a duty. (1375-1425; late ME < LL *irremissibilita*. See IR-, REMISSIBLE) —ir'remis'sibl-ty, ir'remis'sibl-ness, n. —ir'remis'sibl-ly, adv.

**irremovable** (i rem'o mod'va bal), adj. not removable. (1580-1600; IR-<sup>4</sup> + REMOVABLE) —ir'remov'a bili-ty, ir'remov'a bility, n. —ir'remov'a bly, adv.

**irreparable** (i rep'a ral bal), adj. not repairable; incapable of being rectified, remedied, or made good; an irreparable mistake. (1375-1425; late ME < L *irreparabilis*. See IR-, REPARABLE) —ir'repar'a bili-ty, ir'repar'a bility, n. —ir'repar'a bly, adv.

**irreplaceable** (i repla'se bal), adj. incapable of being replaced; unique: an irreplaceable vase. (1800-10; IR-<sup>4</sup> + REPLACEABLE) —ir'replace'a bly, adv.

**irrepleviable** (i plev'a sa bal), adj. Law. not repleivable; not capable of being replevied. Also, **irreplevitable** (i plev'e a bal). (1615-25; IR-<sup>4</sup> + REPLEV-ABLE) —ir'replev'a bili-ty, ir'replev'a bility, n.

**irrepressible** (i pres'a bal), adj. incapable of being repressed or restrained; uncontrollable: irrepressible laughter. (1805-15; IR-<sup>4</sup> + REPRESSIBLE) —ir'repre'ssibl-ty, ir'repre'ssible-ness, n. —ir'repre'ssibl-ly, adv.

**irreproachable** (i pro'cha bal), adj. not reproachable; free from blame. (1625-35; IR-<sup>4</sup> + REPROACHABLE) —ir'repro'ach'a bility, ir'repro'ach'a bly, adv.

—Syn. blameless, impeccable, unflawed.

**irreproducible** (i re'pro du'b'a bal, -dyoo'b'-), adj. not reproducible. (1865-70; IR-<sup>4</sup> + REPRODUCIBLE) —ir'repro'duc'bili-ty, n.

**impulse.** 2. lovable, esp. calling forth feelings of protective love: an irresistible puppy. 3. enticing; tempting to possess: an irresistible necklace. —n. 4. an irresistible person or thing. (1590-1600; < ML *irresistibilis*. See IR-, RESISTIBLE) —ir'resist'bili-ty, ir'resist'bility.

**irresoluble** (i r'i zol'yə bal, i rez'al-), adj. 1. incapable of being solved or clarified. 2. Archaic. a. incapable of being resolved into component parts; insoluble. b. incapable of being relieved. (1640-50; < L *irresolutibilis*. See IR-, RESOLUBLE) —ir'resol'u bili-ty, n.

**irresolute** (i rez'a lō'līt'), adj. not resolved; doubtful; infirm of purpose; vacillating. (1565-75; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RESOLUTE) —ir'resolute-ly, adv. —ir'resolute-ness, n.

**irresolution** (i rez'a lō'shān), n. lack of resolution; lack of decision or purpose; vacillation. (1585-95; IRRESOLUTE + -ION)

**irresolvable** (i r'i zol'va bəl), adj. not resolvable; incapable of being resolved, analyzable, or solvable. (1650-60; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RESOLVABLE) —ir'resolv'a bili-ty, ir'resolv'a bility, n.

**irrespective** (i r'i spek'tiv), adj. without regard to something else, esp. something specified; ignoring or discounting (usually fol. by of): Irrespective of my wishes, I should go. (1630-40; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RESPECTIVE) —ir'respect'iv-ly, adv.

**irrespirable** (i res'par a bal, i r'i spir'rə bal), adj. not respirable; unfit for breathing. (1818-25; < LL *irrespirabilis*. See IR-, RESPIRABLE)

**irresponsibile** (i r'i spon'sibl'), adj. 1. said, done, or characterized by a lack of a sense of responsibility: His refusal to work shows him to be completely irresponsible. 2. not capable of or qualified for responsibility, as due to age, circumstances, or a mental deficiency. 3. not responsible, answerable, or accountable to higher authority; irresponsible as a monarch. —n. 4. an irresponsible person. (1640-50; IR-<sup>4</sup> + RESPONSIBLE) —ir'responsibl-ty, ir'responsibl-ness, n. —ir'responsibl-ly, adv.

—Syn. 1. unreliable, undependable, thoughtless. —Syn. 2. Syn. 3. Syn. 4. Syn. 5. Syn. 6. Syn. 7. Syn. 8. Syn. 9. Syn. 10. Syn. 11. Syn. 12. Syn. 13. Syn. 14. Syn. 15. Syn. 16. Syn. 17. Syn. 18. Syn. 19. Syn. 20. Syn. 21. Syn. 22. Syn. 23. Syn. 24. Syn. 25. Syn. 26. Syn. 27. Syn. 28. Syn. 29. Syn. 30. Syn. 31. Syn. 32. Syn. 33. Syn. 34. Syn. 35. Syn. 36. Syn. 37. Syn. 38. Syn. 39. Syn. 40. Syn. 41. Syn. 42. Syn. 43. Syn. 44. Syn. 45. Syn. 46. Syn. 47. Syn. 48. Syn. 49. Syn. 50. Syn. 51. Syn. 52. Syn. 53. Syn. 54. Syn. 55. Syn. 56. Syn. 57. Syn. 58. Syn. 59. Syn. 60. Syn. 61. Syn. 62. Syn. 63. Syn. 64. Syn. 65. Syn. 66. Syn. 67. Syn. 68. Syn. 69. Syn. 70. Syn. 71. Syn. 72. Syn. 73. Syn. 74. Syn. 75. Syn. 76. Syn. 77. Syn. 78. Syn. 79. Syn. 80. Syn. 81. Syn. 82. Syn. 83. Syn. 84. Syn. 85. Syn. 86. Syn. 87. Syn. 88. Syn. 89. Syn. 90. Syn. 91. Syn. 92. Syn. 93. Syn. 94. Syn. 95. Syn. 96. Syn. 97. Syn. 98. Syn. 99. Syn. 100. Syn. 101. Syn. 102. Syn. 103. Syn. 104. Syn. 105. Syn. 106. 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Pronunciation: **-'li-jəs**

Function: *adjective*

Date: 15th century

1 : neglectful of religion : lacking religious emotions, doctrines, or practices irreligious that they exploit popular religion for professional purposes -- G. B. Shaw >

2 : indicating lack of religion

- **ir·re·lig·ious·ly** *adverb*

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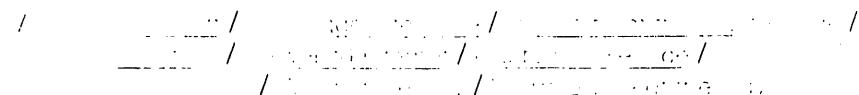
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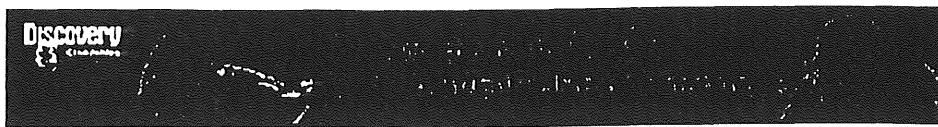
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| • \&\ as <b>a</b> and <b>u</b> in <b>about</b>         | • \e\ as <b>e</b> in <b>bet</b>         | • \o\ as <b>aw</b> in <b>law</b>        |
| • \&\ as <b>e</b> in <b>kitten</b>                     | • \E\ as <b>ea</b> in <b>easy</b>       | • \oi\ as <b>oy</b> in <b>boy</b>       |
| • \&r\ as <b>ur</b> and <b>er</b> in<br><b>further</b> | • \g\ as <b>g</b> in <b>go</b>          | • \th\ as <b>th</b> in <b>thin</b>      |
| • \a\ as <b>a</b> in <b>ash</b>                        | • \i\ as <b>i</b> in <b>hit</b>         | • \th\ as <b>th</b> in <b>the</b>       |
| • \A\ as <b>a</b> in <b>ace</b>                        | • \I\ as <b>i</b> in <b>ice</b>         | • \ü\ as <b>oo</b> in <b>loot</b>       |
| • \ä\ as <b>o</b> in <b>mop</b>                        | • \j\ as <b>j</b> in <b>job</b>         | • \u\ as <b>oo</b> in <b>foot</b>       |
| • \au\ as <b>ou</b> in <b>out</b>                      | • \[ng]\ as <b>ng</b> in<br><b>sing</b> | • \y\ as <b>y</b> in <b>yet</b>         |
| • \ch\ as <b>ch</b> in <b>chin</b>                     | • \O\ as <b>o</b> in <b>go</b>          | • \zh\ as <b>si</b> in<br><b>vision</b> |

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Pronunciation: "ir-i-'li-j&n

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle French or Late Latin; Middle French, from Late Latin *irreligion-*, *irreligio*, from Latin *in-* + *religion-*, *religio* religion

Date: 1598

: the quality or state of being irreligious

- **ir·re·li·gi·on·ist** /-'lij-nist, -'li-j&-/ *noun*

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### Dictionary Pronunciation Key

- |                                       |                               |                               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • \&\ as a and u in <i>abut</i>       | • \e\ as e in <i>bet</i>      | • \o\ as aw in <i>law</i>     |
| • \&\ as e in <i>kitten</i>           | • \E\ as ea in <i>easy</i>    | • \oi\ as oy in <i>boy</i>    |
| • \&r\ as ur and er in <i>further</i> | • \g\ as g in <i>go</i>       | • \th\ as th in <i>thin</i>   |
| • \a\ as a in <i>ash</i>              | • \i\ as i in <i>hit</i>      | • \th\ as th in <i>the</i>    |
| • \A\ as a in <i>ace</i>              | • \I\ as i in <i>ice</i>      | • \ü\ as oo in <i>loot</i>    |
| • \ä\ as o in <i>mop</i>              | • \j\ as j in <i>job</i>      | • \u\ as oo in <i>foot</i>    |
| • \au\ as ou in <i>out</i>            | • \[ng]\ as ng in <i>sing</i> | • \y\ as y in <i>yet</i>      |
| • \ch\ as ch in <i>chin</i>           | • \O\ as o in <i>go</i>       | • \zh\ as si in <i>vision</i> |

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## irreligious

Part of speech: **adjective**

Syllables: **ir-re-li-gious**

Pronunciation: **I rE lI -Es**

Definition: **1. not practicing or believing in any religion; not motivated by religious considerations or precepts.**

Definition: **2. marked by an absence of, or indifference or hostility toward, religion or religious considerations.**

Synonyms: **skeptical (1; 3), cynical (1), freethinking {freethinker}, godless, faithless (3), infidel, , agnostic (adj)**

Similar Words: **doubtful, unbelieving, incredulous, disbelieving {disbelieve (vi)}, atheistic {atheist}, irreverent**

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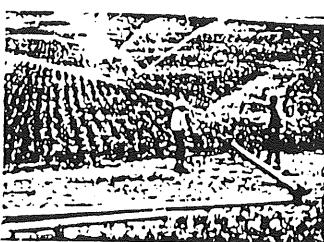
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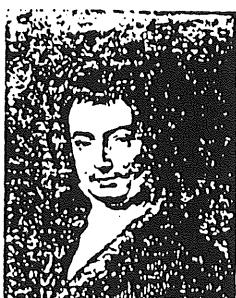
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**irrigate**  
Irrigation of a barley field  
in Wyoming



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and Smillie  
(1807–1885)



**Isabella I**

who is not a member of a regular military force —**ir-reg/u-lar-ly** adv.

**ir-reg-u-lar-i-ty** (ɪr'ɪg-yoo-lär'-ɪ-tē) n., pl. -ties. 1. The quality or state of being irregular. 2. Something irregular: *found the firm's books riddled with irregularities*. 3. Constipation.

**ir-rele-a-tive** (ɪr'-rel'-ə-tɪv) adj. 1. Having no correlative relationship; unconnected. 2. Irrelevant. —**ir-rele-a-tive-ly** adv.

**ir-rele-vance** (ɪr'-el'-ə-vən-sē) n. 1. The quality or state of being unrelated to the matter at hand. 2. Something unrelated to the matter at hand.

**ir-rele-vant** (ɪr'-el'-ə-vənt) adj. Unrelated to the matter at hand. —**ir-rele-vant-ly** adv.

**SYNONYMS:** *irrelevant, extraneous, immaterial, impertinent*. The central meaning shared by these adjectives is ‘not pertinent to the subject under consideration’: *an irrelevant comment; a question extraneous to the discussion; an objection that is immaterial after the fact; mentioned several impertinent facts before finally coming to the point*.

**ANTONYM:** *relevant*.

**ir-reli-gion** (ɪr'-ɪl'-ɪjən) n. Hostility or indifference to religion.

**ir-reli-gious** (ɪr'-ɪl'-ɪjʊs) adj. Hostile or indifferent to religion; ungodly. —**ir-reli-gious-ly** adv. —**ir-reli-gious-ness** n.

**ir-re-me-a-bile** (ɪr'-ɪ-mē-ə-bəl) adj. Archaic. Affording no possibility of return. [Latin *irremendibilis*: *in-*, not; see IN-<sup>1</sup> + *remendare*, to return (to, re- + *mendare*, to go; see *mend* in Appendix).]

**ir-re-me-di-a-bile** (ɪr'-ɪ-mé-dé-ə-bəl) adj. Impossible to remedy, correct, or repair; incurable or irreparable: *irremediable errors in judgment*. —**ir-re-me-di-a-bly** adv.

**ir-re-mis-si-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-mi-sə-bəl) adj. Not remissible, unpardonable: *irremissible sins*. —**ir-re-mis-si-bil-i-ty** n. —**ir-re-mis-si-bly** adv.

**ir-re-mov-a-bile** (ɪr'-ɪ-mōv'-ə-bəl) adj. Impossible to remove: *irremovable boulders; irremovable obstacles*. —**ir-re-mov-a-bil-i-ty** n. —**ir-re-mov-a-bly** adv.

**ir-re-pa-ra-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-pa'-rə-bəl) adj. Impossible to repair, rectify, or amend: *irreparable harm; irreparable damages*. [Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *irreparabilis*: *in-*, not; see IN-<sup>1</sup> + *reparabilis*, repairable; see REPARABLE.] —**ir-rep'a-ri-bil-i-ty, ir-rep'a-ra-ble-ness** n. —**ir-rep'a-ra-bly** adv.

**ir-re-pea-lable** (ɪr'-ɪ-pē'-ə-bəl) adj. Impossible to repeal: *irrepealable laws*.

**ir-re-place-a-bile** (ɪr'-ɪ-plā'-ə-bəl) adj. Impossible to replace: *irreplaceable antiques*. —**ir-replace'a-bil-i-ty, ir-re-place'a-bil-e-ness** n. —**ir-replace'a-bly** adv.

**ir-re-press-i-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-prēs'-ə-bəl) adj. Difficult or impossible to control or restrain: *irrepressible laughter*. —**irre-press'i-bil-i-ty, ir-re-press'i-ble-ness** n. —**irre-press'i-bly** adv.

**ir-re-proach-a-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-prō'-ə-chə-bəl) adj. Perfect or blameless in every respect: *faultless; irreproachable conduct*. —**irre-proach'a-bil-i-ty, ir-re-proach'a-ble-ness** n. —**irre-proach'a-bly** adv.

**ir-re-sis-ti-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-zis'-tə-bəl) adj. 1. Impossible to resist: *an irresistible impulse to sneeze*. 2. Having an overpowering appeal: *irresistible beauty*. —**irre-sis'ti-bil-i-ty, ir're-sis'ti-ble-ness** n. —**irre-sis'ti-bly** adv.

**ir-re-sol-u-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-zōl'-ə-bəl) adj. Impossible to resolve: *irresolvable conflicts*. [Latin *irresolubilis*: *in-*, not; see IN-<sup>1</sup> + *resolvere*, to untie; see RESOLVE.]

**ir-res-o-lute** (ɪr'-ɪzō-lōt') adj. 1. Unsure of how to act or proceed; undecided. 2. Lacking in resolution; indecisive. —**ir-reso-lute-ly** adv. —**ir-reso-lute-ness, ir-reso-lution** n.

**ir-re-solv-a-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-zōl'-ə-bəl) adj. 1. Irresolvable. 2. Impossible to separate into component parts; irreducible.

**ir-re-spec-tive** (ɪr'-ɪ-spék'-tɪv) adj. Archaic. Characterized by disregard; heedless. —**ir-re-spec-tive-ly** adv.

**irre-spective of** prep. Without consideration of; regardless of.

**ir-res-pi-ra-ble** (ɪr'-ɪs-pər-a-bəl, ɪr'-ɪ-spir'-əbəl) adj. Not fit for breathing; not respirable.

**ir-re-spon-si-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-spōn'-sə-bəl) adj. 1. Marked by a lack of responsibility: *irresponsible accusations*. 2. Lacking a sense of responsibility; unreliable or untrustworthy. 3. Law. Not mentally or financially fit to assume responsibility. 4. Not liable to be called to account by a higher authority. —**irresponsible** n.

1. One who has no sense of responsibility. 2. Law. One who is mentally or financially unfit to assume responsibility for one's actions. 3. One who is unlikely to be called to account by a higher authority. —**irre-spons'i-bil-i-ty, ir're-spons'i-bil-e-ness** n. —**irre-spons'i-bly** adv.

**ir-re-spon-si-ve** (ɪr'-ɪ-spōn'-siv) adj. 1. Not responsive, as to treatment or stimuli. 2. Not responding or answering readily. —**irre-spons'i-ve-ly** adv. —**irre-spons'i-ve-ness** n.

**ir-re-triev-a-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-trō'-və-bəl) adj. Difficult or impossible to retrieve or recover: *When the diamond fell into the lake, it was virtually irretrievable*. —**irre-triev'a-bil-i-ty, irre-triev'a-bil-e-ness** n. —**irre-triev'a-bly** adv.

**ir-rever-ence** (ɪr'-é-vər-əns) n. 1. Lack of reverence or due respect. 2. A disrespectful act or remark.

**ir-rever-ent** (ɪr'-é-vər-ənt) adj. 1. Lacking or exhibiting a lack of reverence; disrespectful. 2. Critical of what is generally accepted or respected; satirical: *irreverent humor*. —**irrever-ent-ly** adv.

**ir-rever-si-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-vir'-sa-bəl) adj. Impossible to reverse: *an irreversible momentum toward revolution*. —**irrever-si-bil-i-ty, ir'rever-si-ble-ness** n. —**irrever-si-bly** adv.

**ir-revo-ca-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-rō'-və-bəl) adj. Impossible to retract or revoke: *an irrevocable decision*. —**irrevo-ca-bil-i-ty, ir'revo-ca-ble-ness** n. —**irrevo-ca-bly** adv.

**ir-ri-ga-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-gə-bəl) adj. That can be irrigated: *irrigable desert*.

**ir-ri-ga-tion** (ɪr'-ɪ-gā-shən) n. —**gated, -gating, -gates**. —**ir-ri-ga-tor** n. To supply (dry land) with water by means of ditches, pipes, or streams; water artificially. 2. To wash out (a body cavity or wound) with water or a medicated fluid. 3. To make (fertile) as vital as if by watering. —**intr.** To supply land with water artificially. [Latin *irrigare*, *irrigat-* (in, in, see IN-<sup>4</sup> + *rigare*, to water).] —**irri-ga-tion** n. —**irri-gation-ol** adj. —**irri-ga-tor** n.

**ir-ri-ta-bil-i-ty** (ɪr'-ɪ-tā-bil'-ɪ-tē) n., pl. -ties. 1. The quality or state of being irritable; testiness or petulance. 2. Pathology. Abnormal or excessive sensitivity of a body organ or part to stimulus. 3. Physiology. The capacity to respond to stimuli.

**ir-ri-ta-ble** (ɪr'-ɪ-tā-bəl) adj. 1. Easily irritated or annoyed. 2. Pathology. Abnormally sensitive to a stimulus. 3. Physiology. Capable of responding to stimuli. [French *irritable*, from Latin *irritabilis*, from *irritare*, to irritate.] —**irri-ta-bil-e-ness** n. —**irri-ta-bly** adv.

**ir-ri-tant** (ɪr'-ɪ-tānt) adj. Causing irritation, especially physical irritation. —**irritant** n. A source of irritation: *tobacco smoke; common eye irritant*. [French from Latin *irritans*, irritant, present participle of *irritare*, to irritate.]

**ir-ri-tate** (ɪr'-ɪ-tāt') v. —**at-ed, -at-ing, -ates**. —**ir-ri-ta-tion** n. To rouse to impatience or anger; annoy: *a loud bossy voice that irritates listeners*. See Synonyms at *annoy*. 2. To chafe or inflame. —**intr.** To be a cause of impatience or anger. [Latin *irritāt-*] —**irri-tat-ing-ly** adv. —**irri-ta-tor** n.

**ir-ri-ta-tion** (ɪr'-ɪ-tāshən) n. 1. a. The act of irritating. b. The condition of being irritated; vexation: *honked the horn at irritation at the delay*. 2. A source of irritation. 3. Pathology. Condition of inflammation, soreness, or irritability of a bodily organ or part.

**ir-ri-ta-tive** (ɪr'-ɪ-tātīv) adj. Involving irritation.

**ir-ro-ta-tion-al** (ɪr'-ō-tā-shə-nəl) adj. Not rotating or involving rotation.

**ir-rupt** (ɪr'-rūpt') intr. —**rupt-ed, -rupt-ing, -rupts**. 1. To break or burst in. 2. Ecology. To increase rapidly and irregularly in number: *In the absence of predators, the island's rodent population ruptured*. [Latin *irrumperē*, *rupt-* (in, in; see IN-<sup>4</sup> + *rumpere*, to break; see *rump-* in Appendix).] —**irrup-tion** n.

**ir-rup-tive** (ɪr'-rūptīv) adj. 1. Interrupting or tending to interrupt. 2. Geology. Intrusive.

**IRS** abbr. Internal Revenue Service.

**Ir-tish** or **Ir-tish** (ɪr'-tish') A river of northwest China, northern Kazakhstan, and central Russia flowing about 1,260 mi (2,050 km) generally northwest to the Ob River.

**Ir-vine** (ɪr'-vīn'). A city of southern California southeast of Santa Ana. A branch of the University of California opened there here. Population, 62,134.

**Ir-ving** (ɪr'-vīng). A town of northeast Texas, an industrial suburb of Dallas. Population, 109,943.

**Irving**, Sir Henry. 1838–1905. British Shakespearean whose productions won him the first knighthood awarded to a member of his profession (1895).

**Irving**, John. Born 1942. American writer. His darkly bony novels include *The World According to Garp* (1978).

**Irving**, Washington. 1783–1859. American writer remembered for the stories “Rip Van Winkle” and “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,” contained in the *Sketch Book* (1819–1820).

**Ir-ving-ton** (ɪr'-vīng-tən). A town of northeast New Jersey, residential and industrial suburb of Newark. It was settled in 1732 as Camptown and renamed in 1852 in honor of Washington Irving. Population, 61,493.

**is** (ɪz) v. Third person singular present indicative of *be*. [Middle English, from Old English. See *es-* in Appendix.]

**is**, or **Is**. abbr. Island.

**Is.** abbr. Bible. Isaiah.

**is-** pref. Variant of *Iso-*.

**Iso**. abbr. Bible. Isaiah.

**I-saac** (ɪz'-ək). In the Old Testament, the son of Abraham who was offered as a sacrifice to God. The sacrifice was prevented the last moment by divine intervention.

**Is-a-be-la I** (ɪz'-ə-bē-lə). Known as “Isabella the Catholic.” 1451–1504. Queen of Castile (1474–1504). Her marriage to Ferdinand V of Castile and Leon (later Ferdinand II of Aragon) marked the beginning of a unified Spanish state. Isabella sponsored the voyages of Christopher Columbus.

**I-sa-iāh** (ɪ-zā'-ə, ɪ-zí'-ə) n. *Bible*. 1. A Hebrew prophet of the eighth century B.C. 2. Abbr. *Isa.*, *Is.* See table at *Bible*.

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not that certain course. And this irregularity, together with its unruly and tumultuous motion must afford a warning unto the common opinion. 1665 HOODE Microt. The irregularity of the Type or Ingraving. 1774 GOLOSM. Cat. Hist. 1770 I. 271 The waves roll against land with great weight and irregularity. 1853 RUSKIN Stones Ven. II. vi. The tendency to the adoption of Gothic types being always first shown by greater irregularity and richer variation in the forms of the architecture it is about to supersede. 1853 H. DOUGLAS Milt. Bridges (ed. 2) 141 The irregularity of the ground on the left bank have had occasion many delays. 1879 CASTEL'S Techn. Educ. VII. 242 The irregularities in the thickness some stems. 1880 GRAY Struct. Bot. VI. 242 Irregularity is one of the commonest modifications of the flower: it is never conspicuous except in blossoms visited by insects and generally fertilized by their aid.

b. (with *an* and *pl.*) An instance of this: esp. a part not uniform or symmetrical with the rest, as in unevenness of surface, etc.

1665 HOODE Microt. q. The bigger they were magnify'd, the more irregularities appear'd in them. 1703 MAXON Tech. L. c. 21 File down all the irregularities the Cold-Chisel made on the Edges of your Work. 1861 GEO. ELIOT M. & J. MARNER, pausing to adjust an irregularity in his thread. 1879 CASTEL'S Techn. Educ. IV. 95/1 The physical irregularities of the terrain.

**Irregularly** (ir'gylāslī), *adv.* [f. IRREGULAR + -LY 2.] In an irregular manner.

1. In a way not according to rule; with deviation from or violation of rule; lawlessly; anomalously; abnormally.

1591 PERCIVAL SP. Dict., Irregularmente, irregularly, without rule. 1675 Euseb. Papers (Camden I. 100) There were 8 Aldermen & y<sup>t</sup> Recorder must violently & irregularly thrust out of their places. 1764 GOLOSM. Irreg. So with daring aims irregularly great. 1889 Law Rep. 29 Chanc. Div. 679 He considered... that the order had been irregularly made.

2. Without regularity, symmetry, or uniformity; without order or arrangement, formation, motion, succession, etc.; unevenly; in disorder.

1595 DANIEL Civ. Wars i. lxxix. Like to a ruer that... breakes his owne bed. Destroys his bounds and ouer-runs by force. The neighbour fields irregularly spread. 1669 HOODE Microt. In the contraction is performed very unequally and irregularly. 1709 ROBERTSON Chas. V. xi. (1700) III. 2. The soldiers in garrison being paid irregularly. 1770 PENNANT Zool. III. 200 (Iod.) Marked with large, distinct, regularly shaped spots of black. 1776-90 WILFRINGH Herit. (Lante ed.) II. IV. 232 Irregularly serrated at the edges. 1778 JONES Prim. Pol. Econ. II. 10 In some countries rain comes very irregularly and uncertainly. 1881 JOWETT Chauc. I. 167 The islands... lying irregularly and not one behind the other.

**Irregularness**, *Obs.* [f. as prec. + -NESS.] = IRREGULARITY.

1660 DUNDAL Ornith. Microt. 27 Now this irregularness of Songs... comes sometime by licence, sometime by the negligence of the Cantors. 1673 JANEWAY Heaven on Earth. 1671 75 We cannot discern our own crookedness and irregularity.

**Irregularship**, *Obs.* rare -! [f. as prec. + -SHIP.] = IRREGULARITY.

1575 T. ROGERS Rec. Coming Christ 31/1 If they have already contracted Matrimony, without any respect of irregularship they must be separated.

**Irregular**, *a. (s.b.) Obs. rare.* [ad. med. L. irregulat-us, It. irregolare unregulated; see IR-2] Unregulated; irregular, disorderly.

1579 FENTON Guicciard. VII. (1591) ad. So irregular is a commonality or multitude once drawn into mutiny. 1600 W. WATSON Decacordon (1602) 112. I imagine thou art an irregular Priest. 1650 ERAS. MONMOUTH Tr. Senatus & Alan come (nearly) soe Though this irregular love be both his fault and his punishment.

+ **B. s.b.** An irregular person: see IRREGULAR 4. 5. Obs.

1600 W. WATSON Decacordon (1602) 115 (Thel enabling of such irregulars and defectives to advancement in the Church and common wealth).

**Irregularate**, *v.* *Obs.* [f. prec. or f. IR-2 + REGULATE v., alter irregular.] *trans.* To render irregular; to disorder.

1600 W. WATSON Decacordon (1602) 81 All these things... irregulate the party that hath them, and makes him incapable of priesthood. 1628 EARLE Microcosm. Scepticke Arb. 67 It do's only distract and irregulate him and the world by him. 1646 Sir W. BROWNE Pseud. L. & P. VII. xvii. 177 Its fluctuations are but motions subservient, which winds, formes, shoares, shelves, and every interiacency irregulates.

**Irregularized**, *a. rare.* [f. IR-2 + regularized, *pa. pplic.* of REGULATE v.] Unregulated.

1660 N. INGEL. Bellinatio & Utraria (1682) II. 17 By reason of an irregular heat, they venture upon such rash Actions. 1832 LYTTON (Lond. ed.) xxiv. There was nothing unfeminine or sullen in Lucilla's irregular moods.

**Irregularation**, *rare.* [f. IR-2 + REGULATION.] Want of regulation; irregular action or condition.

1897 H. DRUMMOND Ideal Life 79 It is... a disorderly succession of religious impulses, an irregularity of conduct, now on this principle, now on that.

**Irregularous**, *a. Obs. rare -!* [f. IR-2 + L. regulus rule + -OUS.] Characterized by absence or disregard of rule; unruly, disorderly, lawless.

1611 SHAKS. Cymb. iv. ii. 315 Thou Conspirest with that Irregularous diuell Cloten. Hath heere cut off my Lord.

**Irrejec'table**, *a. Obs. rare -!* [IR-2.] That cannot be rejected.

1648 BOYLE Seraph. Lyc. xviii. (1700) 105 The former (Calvinists) affirm grace to be irresistibly presented: the latter (Armenians), though they deny it to be irrejectable yet [etc.]

**Irrelap'sable**, *a. Obs. rare.* [f. IR-2.] Not liable to relapse.

1660 H. MORE Myt. Gott. x. v. 503 When he has got to that irreleapable condition of those whose souls are... perfected in faith and holiness.

**Irrelate** (ir'relat'), *a. rare.* [f. IR-2 + RELATE *pl. a.*] *relat-us, pa. pplic.* of *referre* to bring back, to refer.] Not related, unrelated.

1845 DR. OUNION Suspiria Wks. 1800 XIII. 347 The fleeing accidents of a man's life, and its external shows, may indeed be irrelative and incongruous. 1845 — Birds-north's Poetry Wks. 1857 II. 29 A connection between objects hitherto regarded as irrelative and independent. 1864 F. HALL Kibit. Hindu Philos. syst. 243 The faculty of concealment... is a power such that, by it, ignorance... as it were, covers spirit, unlimited and irrelative to the world.

**Irrelat'ed**, *a. rare.* [f. IR-2.] = PREC.

1886 Mind Jan. 3 The only real for him (flame) were certain irrelative sensations.

**Irrelation** (ir'relat'ion). [IR-2.] Absence of relation, want of connexion.

1848 DR. QUINCY Goliath Wks. 1800 IV. 110 The instinct of contempt... towards literature was supported by the irrelation of literature to the state. 1853 — Autobiog. 34. Wks. 1857 I. 167 The utter irrelation, in both cases, of the audience to the scene... threw upon each a ridicule not to be effaced. 1873 H. SPRINGER STUDY Soc. Soc. (ed. 6) 363 The irrelation between such causes and such effects.

**Irrelative** (ir'relativ). *a. (s.b.)* [f. IR-2 + RELATIVE]. Cf. F. irrelative (Littre.) Not relative; without relations to each other, or to something else; unrelated, unconnected; hence, in Metaph., having no relations, absolute.

1640 MR. REYNOLDS Passions xl. 526 Continuance is altogether Extrinsical and Irrelative in respect of White. 1666 HOYLE Orie. Formes & Qual. (1609) 20 It seems evident, that they colours, odours, etc., have an absolute Being irrelative to us. 1849-50 (1851) in Read's Cycl. Anat. IV. 88/2 This endless succession and decadence of the teeth... illustrate the law of Vegetative or Irrelative Repetition. 1864 F. HALL Kibit. Hindu Philos. syst. 210 The cognition which is given out as a constituent of Brahma, is irrelative to objects. 1864 H. SPENCER First Princ. I. iv. § 20 (1875) 80 The Relative is itself conceivable as such, only by opposition to the Irrelative or Absolute.

b. Having no relation to or bearing on the matter in hand; irrelevant.

1649 G. DANIEL Crinarea, Hen. V. cxxxi, Lyllies Spin not! a strange doctrine Irrelative; but lately vrg d' Gaint Harry's Title. 1785 PALEY Hor. Philos. (ed. 2) I. 201 Questions may be asked which are irrelative to the cause. 1849 THACKERAY Endemian xxi. The widow's answer was made up of a great number of incoherent ejaculations, embraces, and other irrelative matter.

C. Mus. (See quot.)

1881 BUSBY Dikt. Mus. (ed. 3) Irrelative, a term applied to any two chords which do not contain some sound common to both.

B. sh. **Metaph.** Something that has no relation. 1854 Sir W. HAMILTON (Ogilvie). This same mental necessity is involved in the general inability we find of construing positively to thought any irrelative.

**Irrelatively** (ir'relativil), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In an irrelative manner; without relation to some other thing or things. Coast. 10. of.

1648 HOYLE Seraph. Lyc. iv. (1700) 20 Consider'd abstractly in itself and irrelative to the rest. 1778 CHAR. in Ann. Reg. 157 note. Whenever the word *itself* is used absolutely and irrelatively, it is always to be understood of the *female*. 1829 DR. QUINCY Language Wks. IX. 93 Style has an absolute value... irrelative to the subject. 1864 PUSEY Lect. Daniel viii. 26 If asked irrelatively of any context, 'what is the meaning of the words?'

**Irrelativeness** (ir'relativnes). [f. as prec. + -NESS.] The quality of being irrelative; want of relativity.

1665 J. GOODWIN Filled w. the Spirit (1667) 20 A flat or dead irrelativeness, in point of merit, in him to whom grace is shewn or to be shewn, in reference unto him that is supposed to shew grace. 1878 ATHENAEUM 4 Mar. 277 In this spirit too we are not concerned about vainglory or irrelativeness; we accept the volumes as a naturalist's miscellany.

**Irrelenting**, *a. Obs. rare.* [IR-2.] Not relenting, unrelenting.

1616 W. FOWKE Sermon, 40 () death, how irrelenting is thy heart! 1636 FITZGERALD Study Transport. Wks. (1881) 194 Behold the irrelenting slayer comes.

**Irrelentlessly**, *adv. Obs.* Used erroneously for KELENTELESSLY.

1644 MR. MOUNTAGU Immed. Adm. 14 Hee that can diuert or prevent a mischiefe, will not... irrelentlessly see the deuotion of those who are indeed... the received ones of God.

**Irrelevance** (ir'relvans). [f. IRRELEVANT: see ANCE.] The fact or quality of being irrelevant, want of pertinence; with *an* and *pl.* an irrelevant remark, circumstance, etc.

1847 L. HUNT Men, Women, & B. III. xii. 157 All her wit is healthy; all its images entire and applicable throughout

FANCY.] = PREC.

1808-12 BENTHAM Nation. Judic. Errid. (1827) IV. 57 In the following modes of collecting, the plague of irrelevance is in a manner unknown. 1813 LAW & CHAP. Pop. Failures ix. The utter and inextricable irrelevance of the second (member of the question). 1876 MOULTRY CHAP. Sermon. I. (1877) 10 Use the weapons of one of these societies against a sin or error in the other society, is a total irrelevancy and misapplication.

**Irrelevant** (ir'relevant), *a.* [f. IR-2 + RELEVANT: cf. OF. irrelevant legally inadmissible, not helping to an issue. (A frequent blunder is *irrelevant*.)] Not relevant or pertinent to the case; not to the purpose; that does not apply; said orig. of evidence or arguments.

*Fallacy of the irrelevant conclusion* = *ignoratio elenchi*: see IGNORATION 2.

1786 BURKE W. Hastings Wks. XI. 455 All or most of which (depositions) were of an irregular and irrelevant nature, and not fit or decent to be taken by a British magistrate.

1789 BENTHAM Cat. II. xl. 503 They are manifestly irrelevant, and totally foreign to the argument. 1799 MUL. J. WEST Rule of Crimes I. 152 The above observation is, irrelevant to the case before us. 1813 LAW & CHAP. Poor Relation, A Poor Relation... is the most irrelevant thing in nature. 1818 THIRWELL Greece xxxi. IV. 210 He enters into a history of his early life, which... is wholly irrelevant to the proper question.

1877 R. CONDER Hals. 1800 II. 70 No accumulation of facts can establish an irrelevant conclusion. 1883 LAW REP. II. Queen's Bench Div. 603 The witness complained of... were irrelevant to the proceedings before the police court.

Hence **Irrelevantly** *adv.*, in an irrelevant manner, not to the purpose.

1818 in Tono. 1881 LAW & CHAP. Ser. 1. All Fools' Day. It will come in most irrelevancy and impertinently seasonable to the time of day. 1884 CHICAGO ADVOCATE 18 Jan. I suppose Mr. Morrison was removed; she remarked, rather irrelevantly, as it seemed to Maud.

**Irrelievable** (ir'relvab'l), *a.* [IR-2.] Not relievable, that cannot be relieved.

1691 H. STRUDGELLS Ultra 67 Violent impressions... upon the membranes of the Stomach, which may introduce an irrelievable distemper in that part. 1797 F. HARGRAVE Juridical Arts. I. 16 Gross as we must confess the case to be, it is irrelievable. 1849 KINGSLY Hist. N. Devon II. 66, I never think, on principle, of things so painful, and yet so irrelievable.

**Irreligion** (ir'relidʒən). [a. F. irreligion (16-17th c. in Hatz. Darm.), or immed. ad. L. irreligio-<sup>ne</sup>- (Apuleius), L. ir- (IR-) + religio-<sup>ne</sup>- RELIGION.]

1. Want of religion; hostility to or disregard of religious principles; irreligious conduct.

1508 FLORIO Irreligion, irreligion. 1629 PURCHAS Pil. Grimage (1614) 51 By Noah's Curse it may appear... that Cham was the first Author, after the Flood, of irreligion. 1659 GOUV. CALLING (1608) 8 To a Christian 'is certain the irreligion of fighting a Duel would be the most infamous thing.' 1732 BEECKEY Alchym. II. § 24 Nothing leads to vice so surely as irreligion. 1875 JOWITT Plato (ed. 2) V. 183 If laws are based upon religion, the greatest offence against them must be irreligion.

2. A false or perverted religion. Obs.

1509 WARNER Ath. Eng. VIII. XIII. (1612) 208 Henrie the Eight did happily Romes irreligion cease. 1634 Sir T. HERBERT Trav. 7d. Passing by his irreligion and Mahometism. 1655 E. TERRY Trav. E. India 245 Each (sect of Hindoos) differing from others very much in opinion about their irreligion.

**Irreligionism**. [f. prec. + -ISM.] A system of irreligion; irreligious theory.

1843 BLACKW. MAG. LIV. 411 The immoral schools of radicalism, irreligionism, and Anti-corn-Law Cobdenism.

**Irreligionist**. [f. as prec. + -IST.] One who supports or practises irreligion; a professed opponent of religion.

1779 WABURTON in Kilvert Select. (1841) 167 The irreligionist, with the malice to embarrass, and the religionist, with the vanity of doing what no one was able to do before, has been always forward in writing upon this subject. 1877 KCCOLL, S. BICK III. 118 Those only who were confirmed irreligionists. 1884 SAT. REV. 20 June 80/1 Any class of religionists, or irreligionists— if the term may be allowed— who had specially outraged the national sentiment and thus incurred popular odium.

**Irreligionize**, *v. nunc-ed.* [f. as prec. + -IZE.] trans. To turn to irreligion, make irreligionous.

1854 S. WILDFORCE L. in LIFE II. 261 Romanizing a few, irreligionizing a multitude.

**Irreligios'ity**. *Obs.* [ad. late L. irreligiositas (Tert.), n. of quality f. irreligiosus IRRELIGIOUS.] Cf. OF. irreligiositate (Godfr.), F. irreligiosité, It. irreligiosità.] The quality of being irreligionous; irreligionousness; irreligionous conduct.

1384 WOLSTENHOLME Adm. 1. 52 The whiche (God) vnto wrath is strid vp on his sole, for the irreligionous vulg. proper irreligiositate. 1588 ATLEN Admunt. 14 A thinge... that above all other kindes of irreligionys most deserueste and honeste procurethe Gods vengeance. 1618 T. JAMES Jesus & David. 1. There is not a leuit in all England, but hath a smacke of impietie, irreligionisste... and Machiavillian Atheisme.

**Irreligious** (ir'religh'ses), *a.* [ad. L. irreligiosus, f. ir- (IR-) + religiosus RELIGIOUS. Cf. F. irreligieux (15-16th c. in Godfr. Consp.).]

1. Not religious: hostile to or without regard for religion; ungodly; godless. a. Of persons, their actions, etc.

1561 T. NORTON *Calvin's Inst.* II. 112 In all ages that irreligious affection of religion . . . hath shewed and yet doth new forth itself. 1563 GOLDING *Cesar* 188 It seldome or never chaunceth that any man is so irreligious that he dareth hide any thyng that is so taken. 1599 D. PELL *Impr. Sea* 90 Their vain, sole, irreligious, soul-damning, debovit, and ungodly lives. 1678 MILTON *Saints* 600 An irreligious Dishonourer of Dagon. 1713 BERKELEY *Guardian No. 70* ¶ Irreligious men, whose short prospects are filled with earth, and sense, and mortal life. 1836 H. ROGERS *J. Howe* VII. 1801 188 The irreligious monarch . . . slept during the greater part of the sermon. 1863 GEO. ELIOT *Nomads* Proem. Learned personages . . . maintained that Aristotle . . . was a thoroughly irreligious philosopher. 1868 BROWNING *King & Queen* X. 453 This is the man proves irreligious Of all mankind.

b. *transf.* Of things: Showing a want of religion; at variance with religious principles.

1704 T. BROWN *Pleas. Epistle Wks.* 170 I. 100 Our postes for rings are either immodest or irreligious. 1836 *United Slave States* 119 None of the irreligious talisries in stucco and paint that so generally disentangle all expression of worship in our city meeting-houses.

+ 2. Believing in, practising, or pertaining to a false religion. *Obs.*

1575-86 APP. SANOV'S *Serm.* (Parker Soc.) 178 That irreligious crew . . . which fight for antichrist, for heresy, for popery. 1588 SHAKES. *1st. A. v.* iii. 121 The issue of an irreligious Moore. 1619 W. BROWNE *Sheph. Pipek.* Cypress may fade. A herse amongst irreligious rites be ranged. 1634 Sir T. HERBERT *1619* 193 Their Religion is austere (but irreligious); some adore a Cow, others a Snake, other-some the Sunne.

**Irreligiously** (*irflidzgsl*), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In an irreligious manner; in a way contrary to religion; + in accordance with a false religion (*obs.*).

1577 tr. BULLINGER'S *Decades* (1592) 117 Outward honour irreligiously exhibited to the true and verie God. c. 1630 RISDON *Serv. Discov.* 45 (1801) 51 There is a small market, in former times irreligiously kept on the sabbath day. 1769 BLACKSTONE *Comm.* (1801) IV. iv. 42 If they keep any inmate, thus irreligiously disposed, in their houses, they forfeit 10*l.* per month.

**Irreligiousness** (*irflidzgnes*). [f. as prec. -NESS.] The quality of being irreligious; ungodliness; + adherence to a false religion (*obs.*).

1577 NORTHUMBERLAND *Dicing* (1592) 92 Will God suffer them nonpunished that handle God's divine mysteries with such vnreuerentesse and irreligiousnesse? 1643 LIGHTFOOT *Glean. Ex.* (1648) 14 Changing his idolatry, and irreligiousness for the worship of the true God. 1695 LOCKE *3rd Lett. Toleration* 301 (Seager) The ignorance or irreligiousness to be found amongst conformists — I lay not the blame of upon conformity. 1698 DORAN *Art. Tools* 26 He illustrates the irreligiousness of men.

+ **Irrelishable**, *a. Obs. rare*<sup>-1</sup>. [IR-2.] Not relishable, unpalatable.

1608 DAY *Laws Trifles* II. (1881) 33 More irrelishable then oredrie Stock-fish.

**Irreluctant**, *a. rare*. [IR-2.] Not reluctant; willing.

1657-83 EVELYN *Hist. Relig.* (1850) I. 2 An irreluctant and free assent to such truths as are the continual objects of our senses. 1858 *Lat's Mag.* XIX. 664 The torrent-fountains . . . Whose irreluctant streams supply A quick relief to lowlier woes.

+ **Irremarkeable**, *a. Obs. rare*<sup>-1</sup>. Also 7 *inf.* [IR-2]. Cf. F. *irremarquable* (Cotgr.). Not remarkable; having no mark by which it may be distinguished; unremarkable.

1635 CART. FOX *North West* 180, I was in Latitude 61° d. 57 m. and stood in close to this irremarkeable shore, and so all the land within this strait, may be called, for it is all shoring, or descending from the highest mountaine to the sea. (In F. SMITH *Voy. Disc.* (1748) I. 68) This irremarkeable Shore.

**Irremable** (*irremabil*, *irremijab*), *a.* [ad. L. *irremabilis*, f. *ir-* (IR-2) + *remare* to go back, return, f. *re-* back + *meare* to go, pass; see -ABLE. In OF, *irremable* (Godef.). Cf. *permeable*.] Admitting of no return; from, by, or through which there is no return. Now only poet.

1569 J. SANFORD tr. *Ariippa's Can. Artes* 145 The countre of the dead is irremable. 1611 CORVAT *Crudities* 101 I was for the time in a kinde of irremable labyrinth. 1669 DAYTON *Enclid* 575 The chief without delay Pass'd on, and took th' irremable way. 1715-80 POPP. *11ad xix.* 312 My three brave brothers, in one mournful day, All trod the dark irremable way. 1767 JOHNSON *Lett. to Mrs. Thrale* 3 Oct., I perhaps shall not be easily persuaded . . . to venture myself on the irremable road. 1768 HAWKESWORTH *Tr. Télemaque* VII. (1784) 73 The irremable waters of Styx preclude for ever the return of hope. 1864 SWINBURNE *Atlanta* 600 We shot after and sped Clear through the irremable Symplegades.

Hence **Irremably** *adv.*, without possibility of return.

1805 T. HARREL *Scenes of Life* II. 94 The time of remedy, as well as of prevention, was now irremably past.

**Irremediable** (*irremidab*), *a.* [ad. L. *irremedialis*, f. *ir-* (IR-2) + *remedialis* REMEDIAL: Cf. F. *irremediable* (1474 in Hatz.-Darm.).] Not remediable; that does not admit of remedy, cure, or correction; incurable; irreparable.

If a man doe mingle it with the juice of the said hemlocke, doth mightily entice the poison thereof, and make it irremediable. 1660 T. TAYLOR *Duct. Dubit.* i. v. A person of a desperate fortune, irremediable and irrecoverable. 1714 LADY M. W. MONTAGU *Let. to W. Montagu* 9 Dec., I know and foresee all the irremediable mischiefs. 1735 JOHNSON tr. *Lubo's Trav. Abyssinia* Pref. The reader will here find no regions cursed with irremediable barrenness or blight with spontaneous fecundity. 1801 A. RANKEN *Hist. France* I. ii. 1. 102 In irremediable diseases, says Caesar, . . . men are sacrificed as victims by the Gauls. 1865 PUSEY *Truth & Error* ch. 62 The conquest of Constantinople . . . made the schism of the Greeks irremediable.

Hence **Irremediableness**, the quality of being irremediable. 16164 DONNE *Blaebearoe* (1664) 117 Such faults as are greatest, either in their owne nature, or in an irremediableness when they are done. 1798 MALTRIUS *Opul.* III. ii. (1806) II. 105 The irremediableness of marriage, as it is at present constituted, undoubtedly deters many from entering into this state.

**Irremediably** (*irremidabli*), *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In an irremediable manner or degree; so as not to admit of remedy, cure, or correction.

1604 DONNE *Devotions*, etc. 503 A relapse proceeds with a more violent dispatch, and more irremediably, because it finds the country weakned. 1755 YOUNG *Centauri* Wks. 1757 IV. 114 Thus they . . . are deplorably nay, till they are irremediably undone. 1841 LEXONER *Conservative Wks.* (1861) II. 272 Is it so irremediably bad?

+ **Irremediless**, *a. Obs.* Used erroneously for REMEDLESS.

1606 W. WATSON *Decacordon* (1602) 210 The most dangerous, infectious, and . . . irremediless poyson. 1610 STRAFORD in Browning *Life* (1601) 50 It is irremediless, and therefore must be yeiden unto. 1661 EVELYN *Mem.* (1687) III. 120 Upon these irremediless assaults. 1675 BROOKS *Gold. Key Wks.* 1697 V. 102 This despair is . . . an effect occasioned by the sinner's view of his irremediless, woeful condition.

+ **Irremedious**, *a. Obs. rare*<sup>-1</sup>. [f. IR-2 + L. *remedium* REMEDY + -OUS.] Without remedy. Hence + **Irremediously** *adv.*

1659 HEVELIN *Certamen Epist.* 208 Jeroboham . . . thereby plagued them irremediously . . . into the heavy anger and displeasure of the Lord their God.

**Irrememorable**, *a. rare*. [It. *-*.] That cannot be remembered.

1630 W. TAYLOR *Germ. Poetry* I. 179 The same hero is repeatedly . . . abandoned, and returned to, with confusing and irrememorable alternation.

**Irremissible** (*irmissibl*), *a.* Also 6 *inre-*, 7 *-error*. **Irremissable**. [a. F. *irremissible* (1234 in Hatz.-Darm.), ad. L. *irremissibilis*, f. ir- (IR-2) + *remissibilis* REMISSIBLE.] Not remissible; for or of which there is no remission.

a. That cannot be forgiven; unpardonable.

1493 PILGR. *Scruple* (Caxton) II. li. (1859) 54 He is entashed with synne irremissible. 1500 ORD. *Cystern Men* (IV. de W. 1506) II. v. 103 These vi. maner of synnes beforesayd be sayd irremissible. 1543 BECON *New Year's Gift* in *Early Wks.* (Parker Soc.) 330 Only the sin against the Holy Ghost is irremissible and never forgiven. 1656 HALES *Tracts* (1679) 21 Many would conclude there is a sin for which we may not pray; first, because it is irremissible. 1797 H. WALPOLE *Mem. Goo* II. (1847) III. i. 19 Those who, two years ago, lay under the irremissible crime of being Tories. 1837-8 L. BURTON *Ecccl.* II. 1st. xix. (1845) 406 The heavier and more atrocious sins, such as apostasy, murder, and adultry, were considered . . . to be irremissible.

b. That cannot be remitted as an obligation or duty; oneratly obligatory or binding.

1618 R. BYFIELD *Doctr. Sabb.* 32 Sanctification . . . indispensible, irremissible to any man. 1782 MORGAN *Alkes* II. iv. 266 The kings of Tunis shall pay to the king of Spain an irremissible annual tribute of six Hornes and twelve Falcons. 1818 NEW MONTHLY MAG. LIV. 167 The Sultan reminded the young prince of this irremissible ceremony, which the Deity himself never presumed to violate. 1850 *Contemp. Rev.* Aug. 204 Their irremissible duties to their own countrymen.

Hence **Irremissibility**, **Irremissibleness**, the quality or condition of being irremissible; unpardonableness.

1618-19 R. HILL *Contempt.* A. T. iii. iii. That dreadful sentence of the irremissibleness of that sinne unto death. 1710 BRIT. *Apoll* II. Quarterly No. 2, 8/2 The irremissibleness of Sins after Baptism. 1847 L. LINCOLN *Chr. Art.* I. 10 The frequent practice of postponing baptism to manhood, from belief in the plenary remission of sins at baptism, and the quasi irremissibility of sin after it. 1869 H. C. G. MOULS *Conf. Creator* 21 Some further light is thrown on this irremissibility by the fact that the Gospel is seen in Scripture as the final message of divine mercy.

**Irremissibly**, *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY 2.] In an irremissible way; without possibility of remission or pardon.

1493 CAXTON *Vitas Patr.* (IV. de W. 1493) II. 102a/4 So many inveterate soules; whiche ben . . . synnes irremissiblē and dampned. 1650 HOWELL *Graph. Knt.* Naples 93 Whoever was found upon the streets should die irremissibly without mercy. 1738 WARRINGTON *Div. Legal.* I. 42 Punishment irremissibly pursued the Transgressor. 1824 SOUTHEY *Bk. of Ch.* (1841) 508 Eight heresies were made punishable with death upon the first offence, unless the offender abjured his errors, and irremissibly if he relapsed. 1848 BLACKW. *Mag.* CL. 432/2 That hour was known to have irremissibly sounded.

+ **Irremission**, *a. Obs. rare*<sup>-1</sup>. [f. IR-2.] The fact of not being remitted; non-remission.

**Irremissive**, *a. rare*. [IR-2.] by being without remission; unremissive.

1817 COLEBRIDGE *Wye*, Lit. 149 This action by the will and understanding, a their irremissive, though gentle and unsa-

+ **Irremittable**, *a. Obs. rare* capable of being remitted; -IR-2.

1589 HOLINSHED *Chron.* I. Hist. Scot. 4 intent of the sunne against the Hel-  
lenes irremittable or unto death. 1615 HENRY  
3/9 Against which irremittable sin. SENeca

**Irremovable**, *adj.* (*irremovable*), *a.* -moveable, 0-0 -moveable. [IR-2.]

1. Not removable; incapable of or displaced; not subject to removal.

1508 J. DICKINSON *Greene in Conc.* 281 bound limmes for lasting monumēnt & characters of his barbarous crueltie. 1591 lonely wth I may haue harbour and en-

where my irremovable and infinite b-  
placed. 1669 HOKE *Microm.* 25 Fine difficulties almost irremovable. 1768-94 1814 1. 159 Let us consider from whence generally arise, and perhaps we shal be moveable. 1851 SIR H. PALGRAVE *Admiral* *Faith* failing through irremovable ignor-  
Eliot *Dan. Rev.* I. 303 An ominous wre-

b. Incapable of being displaced position; permanent.

1648 MILTON *Funer. King Wks.* (1680) birth or succession can be no privy-  
tye or inheritance over a nation see-  
COMYN in H. WALPOLE *Mem.* (Civ. II) if Parliament could not be dissolved. but i  
Council. 1834 SIR SIMONDS *Stat. Cap.* judges, numerous, independent, and if E. W. ROBERTSON *Hist. Hist.* 251 As long as the obligations required of him, the Law moveable.

+ 2. Incapable of being moved; flexible. lit. and fig. Obs.

1597 A. M. tr. CHALDEAN'S *Fr. Chal-*  
*longe* (*1621*) 127 These are the u-  
and surerement. 1612 SHAKES. *Wind.* i. 14 remov-  
able, Resolud for flight. adam chimney-sweepers, libere he stood, as picture, irremovable.

B. sb. One who cannot be removed position is permanent.

1848 LEWIS *Lett.* (1870) 183 A Bill making irremovables a union charge. 1895 1 Aug. 151/1 The English Lords have incapable irremovables.

Hence **Irremovability**, Irremovability, quality of being irremovable.

1616 DONNE *Pseudo-martyr* x. 276 They preuale so much upon our consciences, we such sin . . . irremovableness & Webster. *Irremovability*, 1858 Times defended.. the principle of judicial exec-  
DK. AUGUST UNISON round. Society etc. from the soil of some particular area.

**Irremovably**, *adv.* [f. prec. + irremovable manner; immovable; ability of, or liability to, removal.

1664 EVELYN *Arbor. Br.* Brussels *Misc.* II above all, so firmly and immovably done of the true Protestant religion. 1848 *Arms* 301 The dead jaws being irremovably fastened to the conquerors. 1858 CARLYLE *Frederick* 101 His Serene Lady stands like a tree immovable in the way.

**Irremoval**, *adv.* [IR-2.] ^ moval.

1849 in CRAIG. 1856 in WEBSTER.

+ **Irremoved**, *a. Obs. rare* removed, unmoved.

1688 PEACOCK *Compl. Gent.* x. (1638) By stands firm, and irremoved cleaves the

**Irremunerable**, *a. rare*. [f. IR-2.] cannot be remunerated, rewarded, in HAILBY. 1868-94 *Chanc's Hand* 1870 THOMPSON, to whose irremunerative seat under an irremunerative obligation.

+ **Irremunerated**, *a. Obs. rare*.

Not remunerated; unremunerated.

1648 LD. HERBERT *Mem.* V. 1/1 (1681) as Rome should think themselves irre-  
paid, not good remunerated and un-

remunerated. 1651 KELICH'S *Clouds* 323 No end revenged, nor good remunerated and un-

**Irrenderable**, *a. rare*. [f. IR-2.] of being rendered or expressed in

1879 J. D. LONG *Armed p. v.* And yet, be-  
though irrenderable, strength of verasca-  
us is an immortal poem.

**Irrenewable**, *a. rare*. [IR-2.] able; that cannot be renewed.

1888 HARPER'S MAG. Nov. 90/2 The hope-  
irenewable experience.

+ **Irrenitable**, *a. Obs. rare*. [f. IR-2.] f. L. *reniti* to struggle against, ress-  
Not to be struggled against or resisted.  
Apparently the word intended here, these

stances printed *irrenitable*.

1625 CHALDEAN *J. F. F. F.* To conclude

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ience, assurance, reliance  
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piety, religious belief, re  
ed, credo, dogma, canon  
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ism; manifesto, doctrine  
ology

iusibility, trustworthiness  
ster, faithful, conforma

conformist; trusting person, innocent, naïf; lamb to the slaughter, sucker (Inf)

#### ADJECTIVES

- believing, assured, confident, convinced, sure, certain, positive, opinionated, dogmatic; faithful, conformist, orthodox, converted, born-again; trusting, trustful, unhesitating, unquestioning, undoubting, unsuspecting, credulous; gullible, innocent, naïve, green, wet behind the ears  
► *Religion* 81; *Naivete* 821; *Certainty* 840  
believable, credible, creditable, tenable, plausible, reasonable, realistic, possible, probable, likely, convincing, persuasive, impressive, commanding, reliable, trustworthy  
► *Possibility* 836; *Probability* 838  
believed, undisputed, unquestioned, authoritative, accredited, doctrinal, creedal, received, accepted, maintained; putative, supposed, alleged, hypothetical

#### VERBS

- believe, have faith in, put one's faith in, have no doubts about, credit, accept, be led to believe, take someone's word for, accept on faith, take on trust, trust, swallow; confide in, rely on, depend on, count on, bank on, swear by, take for granted, rest assured, know, maintain, hold, declare, affirm, profess, confess; (Inf); fall for, buy, swallow or fall for hook, line, and sinker  
► *Affirmation* 189; *Knowledge* 348

- be of the opinion, opine, presume, assume, surmise, guess, suppose, think, suspect, understand, be under the impression, get it into one's head, have in mind, have the opinion; imagine, fancy, regard, consider, deem, esteem

- *Thought* 317; *Supposition* 359

- make someone believe, assure, convince, persuade, influence, convert, win over, evangelize, proselytize, propagandize, spread the word, indoctrinate, brainwash, deceive, dupe, take in  
► *Religion* 81; *Deception* 193; *Influence* 512

#### ADVERBS

- believingly, confidently, positively, dogmatically, trustfully, unhesitatingly, unsuspectingly, faithfully, credulously, gullibly, naïvely  
believably, credibly, plausibly, reasonably, convincingly, persuasively, supposedly, allegedly, hypothetically

## 88 Disbelief

#### NOUONS

- disbelief, doubt, doubtfulness, dubiousness, dubiety, uncertainty, hesitancy, hesitation, distrust, mistrust,

misgiving, qualm, scruple, reservation, skepticism, scorn, suspiciousness, suspicion; disagreement, dissent, demur, demurral

► *Dissent* 347; *Derision* 369; *Disagreement* 463; *Uncertainty* 841

- unbelievability, incredibility, impossibility, improbability, implausibility, untenability

► *Impossibility* 837; *Improbability* 839

- incredulity, amazement, bewilderment, bafflement, perplexity, nonbelief, discredit, rejection, denial

► *Negation* 190; *Surprise* 292

- unbelief, agnosticism, atheism, irreligion, loss of faith; infidelity, paganism, heathenism, disbelief

► *Religion* 81

- disbeliever, unbeliever, nonbeliever, heretic, pagan, heathen, infidel, agnostic, atheist; doubter, doubting Thomas, apostate, dissenter, dissident, nonconformist, skeptic, mocker, detractor, irreligious, secularist, rationalist, freethinker, materialist

► *Religion* 81; *Freedom* 829

#### ADJECTIVES

- disbelieving, unbelieving, incredulous, skeptical, scornful, doubtful, doubting, dubious, demurring; uncertain, hesitant, distrustful, mistrustful, suspicious, dissenting; agnostic, atheistic, irreligious, faithless, unfaithful; pagan, heathen, misbelieving

► *Religion* 81; *Dissent* 347; *Uncertainty* 841

- disbelieved, unbelieved, discredited, exploded, unbelievable, incredible, beyond belief, impossible, improbable, implausible, untenable, hard to believe, far-fetched, unreliable, suspect, suspected, suspicious, so-called, self-styled, questionable, disputable

► *Ridiculousness* 368; *Impossibility* 837; *Improbability* 839

#### VERBS

- disbelieve, refuse to believe, dissent, disagree, scorn, ridicule, mock, scoff at, deny, negate; challenge, dispute, discredit, question, doubt, have doubts about, hesitate, waver, half-believe, have reservations, distrust, mistrust, suspect, smell a rat, take with a pinch or grain of salt, apostatize, lapse  
► *Negation* 190; *Question* 333; *Dissent* 347; *Derision* 369

- cause disbelief, cast doubt, call into question, discredit, raise suspicions, amaze, stagger

► *Surprise* 292; *Question* 333

#### ADVERBS

- disbelievingly, unbelievingly, incredulously, skeptically, doubtfully, dubiously, uncertainly, hesitantly, distrustfully, mistrustfully, suspiciously

- unbelievably, incredibly, implausibly, unreliably, questionably, disputably

## 448 Wickedness

### NOUNS

- 1 **wickedness**, badness, unrighteousness, sin, sinfulness, evilness, wrong; wicked or bad behavior, evildoing, wrongdoing; wicked or bad ways, bad character, sinful or immoral or evil ways; rankness, lousiness, nefariousness, shamefulness, flagitiousness, infamousness; villainousness, fiendishness, delinquency, criminality, villainy, knavery, roguery; malevolence, enormity, atrociousness, heinousness, viciousness, cruelty, inhumanity; notoriety, notoriousness, scandalousness, infamy, flagrancy  
**D Malevolence** 306; **Wrong** 430; **Evil** 446
- 2 **depravity**, unvirtuousness, impurity, corruption, vitiation, loss of innocence; vice, obscenity, indecency, lust, vulgarity, carnality, debauchery, vileness, baseness; degradation, perversion, degeneration, degeneracy; disrepute, fallen nature, recidivism, backsliding, deterioration; profligacy, turpitude, moral turpitude, shamelessness; immorality, amorality, amoralism, no morals, loose morals, moral weakness, weakness of the flesh; weak point, laxity, lack of principle  
**D Disrepute** 371; **Immorality** 432; **Deterioration** 808
- 3 **Iniquity**, wicked deed, peccability, transgression, trespass, improbity, dishonesty; flaw, fatal flaw, failing, frailty, infirmity, fault, defect, demerit; sin, venial sin, original sin, capital sin, carnal sin, mortal sin, deadly sin; seven deadly sins: pride, covetousness or avarice, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth  
**D Religion** 81; **Desire** 288; **Pride** 297; **Envy** 314; **Immorality** 432; **Weakness** 517
- 4 **Impiety**, ungodliness, godlessness, blasphemy, sacrilege, desecration, profaneness, profanity, idolatry, deviltry, devil worship, Satanism, diabolism, witchcraft, sorcery  
**D Occultism** 86; **Evil** 446
- 5 **villain**, blackguard, criminal, lawbreaker, crook, malefactor, outlaw, desperado, culprit, offender, roughneck, hooligan, hoodlum; felon, cheat, thief, robber, tough, mugger; rapist, child abuser, pedophile; drug peddler or dealer, racketeer, gangster, mobster, mafioso; killer, murderer, hired killer, assassin, hatchet man, terrorist, bomber, suicide bomber; wrongdoer, evildoer, transgressor, sinner, black sheep; traitor, betrayer, quisling, Judas, snake, snake in the grass, swine, swindler; pimp, nasty type, thug, bully, brute, savage, sadist, ogre; scum, scum of the earth, dregs of society; criminal world, underworld, gangland, organized crime, syndicate, Mafia, the Mob, Cosa Nostra, Black Hand; [Inf]: the rackets, hood, con man, hit man  
**D Malevolence** 306; **Immorality** 432; **Evil** 446
- 6 **miscreant**, renegade, recreant, troublemaker, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well; scamp, rake, knave, rogue,

rascal, scoundrel, rascalion, reprobate, wastrel, ligate, degenerate, lecher, pervert; ugly customer, egg, baddie or baddy, bad lot, lowlife; [Inf]: bad rotten apple, bastard, rat, skunk, polecat, bitch, stink, wrong'un, son of a bitch or S.O.B., bad news, lowrotter (Brit)

- 7 **wicked act**, criminal act, criminal offense, punishment, offense, hanging offense, guilty act, foul play; unlawful act, lawbreaking, misdemeanor, shoplifting, delinquency, juvenile delinquency; crime, white-collar crime, felony, drug peddling or dealing, racketeering, robbery, rape, assault, assault and battery, assault with a deadly weapon; murder, assassination, terrorism, bombing, capital crime, deadly crime, career of crime  
**D Killing** 30; **Substance Abuse** 121; **Guilt** 450
- 8 **wicked place**, sewer, gutter, pit, sink, sink of corruption, sinkhole, hole; den, den of iniquity or vice, fleshpot, brothel, bordello, house of prostitution, cathouse [Inf]; drug house, opium den, gambling den, road to hell, hell, hellhole  
**D Substance Abuse** 121; **Immorality** 432

### ADJECTIVES

- 9 **wicked**, bad, unrighteous, sinful, sinning, evil; having badly, evildoing, wrong, wrongdoing; rank, foul, arrant, nefarious, disreputable, disgraceful, shameful, flagitious, infamous; fiendish, delinquent, criminal, villainous, knavish, roguish; malevolent, atrocious, heinous, vicious, cruel, inhuman; notorious, scandalous, flagrant  
**D Immorality** 432
- 10 **depraved**, unvirtuous, virtueless, scarlet, impure, unchaste, corrupt, debased; rotten, rotten to the core, steeped in vice, obscene, indecent, lustful, vulgar, carnal, debauched, vile, base; degrading, degraded, perverting, perverted, perverse, degenerate, degenerating, degenerative, profligate; disreputable, fallen, recidivistic, recidivous, slipping, sliding, backsliding, deteriorating, deteriorated; shameless; without morals, immoral, amoral, morally weak, lax, unprincipled  
**D Immorality** 432

- 11 **impious**, irreligious, ungodly, godless, godforsaken, blasphemous, sacrilegious, desecrating, profane, depraved, Satanic, diabolic; flawed, failing, frail, infirm, faulted, defected; proud, covetous, avaricious, lustful, angry, gluttonous, envious, shiftless, lazy  
**D Evil** 446

- 12 **villainous**, illegal, unlawful, lawbreaking, outlaw, desperate, offensive; culpable, accusable, blameworthy, guilty; felonious, cheating, thieving, abusive; murderous, terrorist; traitorous, Judas-like, snakelike, recalcitrant; troublesome, scampish, rascally, lowdown (Inf), crooked, stinking, rotten

### VERBS

- 13 **be wicked**, act wickedly, be bad, stray, stray from the path of righteousness, sin, commit sin, wrong, do wrong, fall from grace; have one's foibles, have ooch,

probate, waste  
etc; ugly custom  
life; [Inf]: bad  
olecat, bitch,  
B. bad news

all offense, punc-  
tct, foul play; un-  
or, shoplifting  
crime, white-  
fealing, rackete-  
battery, assault  
assination, terro-  
time, career of  
Guilt 450

nt, sink, sink d-  
n of iniquity or  
use of prostitution  
den, gambling

432

il, sinning, evil;  
wrongdoing; re-  
utable, disgraceful;  
hendish, delinquent;  
guish; malevolent;  
inhuman; no-

scarlet, impure;  
rotten to the core;  
lustful, vulgar, co-  
ding, degraded, pe-  
generate, degener-  
disreputable, fail-  
sliding, backslide-  
less; without mor-  
tax, unprincipled

godless, godforsaken;  
rating, profane, de-  
failing, frail, infirm;  
avaricious, lustful-  
ess, lazy

wreaking, oul-  
able, blameworthy;  
abusive; murder-  
e. snakelike, re-  
illy, lowdown (W)

stray, stray from the  
unit sin, wrong, do-  
foibles, have once

weak side; transgress, trespass, offend, cheat, thief,  
rob, rape, abuse, brutalize, savage;  
murder, assassinate, terrorize; shock, scoff at  
virtue, blaspheme, profane; corrupt, become corrupt,  
go to the bad, fall into evil ways, shame oneself, dis-  
grace oneself, ruin one's name; lapse, relapse, back-  
side, deviate from the path of virtue, stray from the  
straight and narrow, go to the dogs [Inf]

deprave, make wicked, corrupt, distort, vitiate; lust  
after, seduce, debauch, degrade, pervert, degenerate;  
set a bad example, mislead, lead astray, teach wicked-  
ness, tempt, diabolize; demoralize, shame, dehumanize

#### ADVERBS

- wickedly, badly, unrighteously, sinfully, evilly, with  
evil intentions, wrongly; foully, arrantly, nefariously,  
disgracefully, shamefully, flagitiously, infamously; vil-  
lainously, fiendishly, delinquently, criminally, knav-  
ishly; malevolently, atrociously, heinously, viciously,  
cruelly, inhumanely; notoriously, scandalously, fla-  
grantly
- unvirtuously, impurely, corruptly, obscenely, in an  
obscene manner, indecently, lustfully, vulgarly, car-  
nally, vilely, basely; degradingly, to one's discredit, per-  
verly, degeneratively; disreputably, recidivitously;  
shamelessly, immorally, amorally, without morals; in-  
iquitously, dishonestly, unscrupulously
- impiously, ungodly, irreligiously, blasphemously, sac-  
rilegiously, profanely, devilishly, diabolically, satani-  
cally
- villainously, criminally, illegally, unlawfully, culpably,  
offensively, with offense, feloniously, guiltily, mur-  
derously

## 449 Innocence

No, it is not only our fate but our business to lose innocence, and once we have lost that, it is futile to attempt a picnic in Eden. — ELIZABETH BOWEN

#### NOUNS

- Innocence, virtue, goodness; morality, uprightness,  
probity, purity, virginity, chastity; purity of heart, saint-  
liness, state of grace, perfection; immaculacy, clean-  
ness, cleanliness, spotlessness, stainlessness, white-  
ness; playfulness, harmlessness, inoffensiveness  
Cleanliness 111; Modesty 403; Virtue 447
- Incorruption, incorruptibility, incorruptedness, sin-  
lessness; freedom from sin, guiltlessness, inculpability,  
clear conscience, clean hands, faultlessness, impeccabil-  
ity; blamelessness, freedom from blame, irre-  
proachability, nothing to confess, nothing to declare;  
innocent intentions, pure motives  
Cleanliness 111; Morality 431
- legal Innocence, verdict of innocence, finding of in-

nocence; acquittal, exoneration, exculpation, absolu-  
tion

Law 53; Litigation 54

- naiveté, ingenuousness, guilelessness, artlessness; unsophistication, inexperience, immaturity, callowness, greenness, unworldliness; naturalness, simplicity, credulosity; childhood, days of innocence, golden age, salad days

Youth 26; Ignorance 349; Naiveté 821

- innocent person, innocent party, innocent; beginner, ingenue, virgin, newcomer, greenhorn, tenderfoot; infant, child, babe, newborn babe, babe in the woods or wood; good person, saint, lamb, dove, angel; goody two shoes, goody-goody

#### ADJECTIVES

- innocent, virtuous, good, upright; pure, virginal,  
chaste; pure of heart, saintly, perfect, angelic; immaculate, unblemished, untainted; stainless, spotless, unspotted; unsullied, undefiled, unsoled; clean, pristine, white; prelapsarian, untouched by evil, unerring, innocent as a lamb, lamblike, innocent as a dove, dove-like, gentle; inoffensive, harmless, innocuous, safe; playful, holier than thou, goody-goody

- inopportunit, incorruptible, sinless, free from sin; guiltless, inculpable, faultless, impeccable; blameless, unblamable, unblameworthy; irreprehensible, reproachless, irreproachable, above suspicion; not guilty, cleared, in the clear; with clean hands, clean-handed; uncorrupt, uncorruptible, uncorrupted

- declared innocent, found innocent, found not guilty; cleared, acquitted, exonerated, exculpated, absolved

- naive, ingenuous, guileless, artless; unsophisticated, credulous; inexperienced, immature, callow, green; unworldly, natural, simple; knowing no wrong, knowing no better; prelapsarian, childlike; innocent as a child, innocent as a newborn babe

#### VERBS

- be innocent, have no guilt, stand above suspicion, wrong no one; have clean hands, have a clear conscience, have nothing to be ashamed of, have nothing to hide, have nothing to declare, have nothing to confess; live in a state of grace, not fall from grace; mean no harm, have the best intentions, salve one's conscience

- declare innocent, find innocent, find not guilty; clear, acquit, exonerate, exculpate, absolve

- be naive, have no guile, lack sophistication, lack experience, lack maturity; know no wrong, know no better; have the innocence of a child, be childlike

#### ADVERBS

- innocently, in all innocence, with clean hands, with a clear conscience, with an easy conscience; virtuously, uprightly, purely, with pure intentions; virginally, chastely; perfectly, to perfection, in a perfect way, angelically; immaculately, spotlessly, unerringly;

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**Transcript Of Floor Session Debate On A Rules Committee Report**  
**Wednesday, February 23, 2000**

**Speaker Sviggum:** Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

**Clerk Burdick:** Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. Pawlenty for the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, offers the following report and moves its adoption. "Resolve that Rule 1.01 of the Permanent Rules of the House of Representatives for the Eighty-First Session shall read as follows."

**Speaker Sviggum:** There is a copy of this on each Member's desk. I call on the Chairman of the Rules Committee, Majority Leader, Representative Pawlenty.

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Mr. Speaker. Just for clarification purposes, there are two reports, separate reports from the Rules Committee. I presume we are on the report coded S-15-CR. Is that correct?

**Speaker Sviggum:** That is correct. S-15-CR.

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, today we will be considering two separate reports from the Rules Committee. The first is coded S-15-CR. The second will come up after this discussion.

This report, Members, deals with the provision in House Rules relating to the prayer that we present to Members prior to the start of session. By way of background, Members, the language that is at issue here, was changed last year during the 1999 session. I think you are familiar with that. We have had some debates through some motions by Representative Reuter earlier this session and last year about these issues.

But from 1919 to 1999, there was essentially no change in the House Rules regarding prayer. Again, from 1919 to 1999, no change, except in 1973, there was a brief addition of the phrase, "or meditation," was added to the House Rules.

Last year, as you know, we had a situation where a choir came to the House floor and presented a song that was of concern to many Members, several Members, as perhaps going too far, or maybe using language that was offensive or inappropriate.

In response to that, shortly after that, we had an initiative on the House floor that started with Representative McCollum's amendment, I think was attempted to be enhanced by an amendment by Representative Leppik. It was all done on the House floor, somewhat, I don't want to say "on the fly," but on somewhat short notice.

And that has resulted in some prayer language that was intended, I think, to celebrate and be respectful and tolerant of diversity, but I believe may have had the opposite effect, or at least on paper, may have had the opposite effect.

As it has been interpreted, the new rule that was adopted in 1999 would require a non-denominational prayer, as well as a prayer that would respect the religious diversity of the House. And, taken literally, that language would require a generic or homogenous prayer that was not particular to one faith. In fact, the letter that goes out from the Chaplain speaks of directions to the Visiting Chaplains to make the prayer inter-faith, ecumenical, not to be exclusionary of any faith, and not to be focused on a denomination's distinctiveness.

Members, I think that if we want to be respectful of diversity, and celebrate diversity, we should allow different perspectives and then tolerate that. And I have spoken to the Speaker about this, Members, about how, if we adopt this Rules Committee Report, this would be implemented.

And the goal here would be to, rather than have any one particular prayer try to reflect the entire religious diversity of the House, that we would strive over the course of the Session to invite Chaplains and Visiting Chaplains in that would reflect religious diversity in the House. And, I think, as we established last year through some procedural debates, when the prayer takes place, we are not formally yet in session, and Members can choose to attend or not attend as they see fit, as an additional consideration.

But our goal here, Members, is to not have prayer that is so watered down or so generic that it becomes pointless and a counter to diversity and celebrating diversity, but in fact allow diversity to take place, recognizing that all of us need to be tolerant of it, but do so within the context of an entire session, and allow each individual prayer to perhaps speak to a particular faith or religious perspective.

So with that background, Members, we offer this Report from the Rules Committee. And we hope that you will support it.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any discussion? Rules Committee Report. Is there any discussion? The Member from Mower, Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, I request a roll call vote.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Roll call being requested. Are there fifteen hands? Seeing fifteen hands, there will be a roll call. Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, I also request a Call of the House.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Call of the House. Are there ten hands requesting a Call of the House? Seeing the ten hands, there will be a Call of the House. The clerk will take the roll. Representative Pawlenty?

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Mr. Speaker, I move that further proceedings under the Call be suspended, and that the Sergeant-At-Arms be instructed to bring in the absent Members.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Pawlenty moves that further proceedings under the Roll Call be dispensed with and that the Sergeant-At-Arms be instructed to bring in the absentee members. Those in favor, say "Aye." Opposed, "Nay." The motion prevails. The Clerk will close the Roll, and the Sergeant-At-Arms will bring in the absent members. To the Report of the Rules Committee that is before us. Is there any discussion? S-15-CR. The member from Ramsey, Representative Paymar.

**Representative Paymar:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I am a little surprised at the Majority Leader bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is a short legislative session. We have pressing items that we should be debating.

And now this is the second time that Members of your Caucus have brought this to the body, to consume more time, more energy, talking about whether, what kind of prayer we should have to start each session.

Representative Leppik, I thought, gave a, really, a beautiful speech last, last time this was brought up, explaining the reason and the purpose for the language that we currently have in Rules.

That allows for a non-denominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking the language out of the Rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me.

So not only am I concerned about the time that this is going to take away from the busy work that we should have, doing Minnesota's work, but I am concerned about the intent behind it. Because it was only last year - - - Mr. Speaker?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Paymar?

**Representative Paymar:** I can't hear.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Okay. Representative Paymar, it seems fairly quiet in here right now, at this time, but, Members? Members, please give the proper respect to the speaker, Representative Paymar. Representative Paymar?

**Representative Paymar:** It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and Members, that I remember Representative Lindner getting up before the House, and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion is the majority of this House, so why can't we have the kind of prayers that we want in this body. Now, is that your intent?

I know that that's not in your heart, to be disrespectful of those Members who aren't Christians, Representative Lindner, and those others who are going to support this rule change. But it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful.

You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body, which is, and the minority Members here, minority religious Members here, in my view. I know that is not in your heart, and I know what your intent is. But I have expressed to you before how this makes certain Members feel, who are not Christians.

Now, I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week. I get them on my e-mail. You invite people to your fellowships. Fine. Do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before session starts, if you feel like you want to have prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be part of that, of that moment, where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be non-denominational, and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position, we vote down this rule change.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any further discussion? The Member from Hennepin, Representative Lindner.

**Chairman Lindner:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Paymar, I don't know for sure what you are talking about. If you are talking about wasting time, did you just sit there and listen to Representative Kahn waste all that time just a few minutes ago?

I think prayer is very important. You know, we are told there is one God, and one mediator between God and man. The man, Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left not able to pray in the name of our God, when we have an opportunity to pray. That's disrespectful of the majority's rights.

Now, if you don't want to be here for prayer, as the Speaker has said before, this is not mandatory. The prayer happens before session begins. And I don't know why you are looking at me all this time, you know, while you are talking.

I am very happy this is coming back up, and I think all we are doing is putting the order of the day, the order for prayer, and the way we do prayer, back like it was for hundreds of years before this session. And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. There are some groups that pray in here that I stay out of the room. We have that privilege, and you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Ramsey, Representative Haake.

**Representative Haake:** Thank you. Members, I don't know about the rest of you, but I really don't care what God everybody prays to. They are all praying to one God. And as far as I am concerned, I need all the help I can get. And I really appreciate the prayers from everybody's God. Thank you.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Ramsey, Representative McCollum.

**Representative McCollum:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. I am going to vote against this amendment and I am going to vote against it for a couple of reasons. The paramount one is, the two times this has been discussed on the floor was within the way that the Rules of the House are adopted. And that is more than a simple majority. And I voted against this amendment in the Rules Committee.

What we have done here is we've said, okay, there is a majority who would like the prayer to be conducted in a certain way. And we can't win when it is a simple majority, so we'll amend the rules going through the Rules Committee, where a simple majority can win. The reason why, that we have a higher standard for adopting the rules as we do in the first weeks of session, is so that the minority is heard. And we lost that, with the way that the rules were adopted. And that is why I voted against it in the Rules Committee.

I am very concerned about the tenor of discussion. I am a Christian. I am a Catholic. And I am not here trying to out-Christian anybody else. And when I want to pray a Catholic creed, I do it at church. And I enjoy the fellowship of the many denominations in this hall. And I enjoy the fellowship of praying together, when everybody feels included.

And the comment is, "just don't come." Well, you know, if you just don't come from [sic] the prayer, you just don't get to say the Pledge of Allegiance either. Because the doors are closed for that. So, Members, I would encourage you not to vote for this amendment. And, Representative Paymar? One of my favorite religious songs is, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Ramsey, Representative Entenza.

**Representative Entenza:** Mr. Speaker, I think the issue today is whether or not we are going to show the respect that the present rule has. And Representative Lindner, I hope that perhaps you want to re-think the last remark that you made? We have Members in this body who come from different religious traditions. And to suggest that someone who comes from the Jewish tradition, a tradition which we should all certainly honor, that somehow that is an irreligious one, suggests to me that it is very important to vote against this motion from the Rules Committee.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Hennepin, Representative Skoglund.

**Representative Skoglund:** Mr. Speaker, will Representative Lindner yield to a question?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Lindner does yield. Representative Skoglund.

**Representative Skoglund:** Mr. Speaker. Did I hear you say, "Don't impose your irreligious views on me?" Was that your quote to Representative Paymar? Mr. Speaker, apparently I am not speaking loudly enough. Representative Lindner, did you say, "Don't impose your irreligious views on me," to Representative Paymar?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Lindner.

**Chairman Lindner:** It was something like that.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Skoglund.

**Representative Skoglund:** Well, Mr. Speaker, I am embarrassed quite frankly for what Representative Lindner said. And as a Christian, as a Christian who does Bible devotion almost every night with his family, I apologize to you, because most of us don't feel that way, Representative Paymar. I apologize. I am embarrassed, on behalf of we Christians.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Olmsted, Representative Bishop.

**Chairman Bishop:** Mr. Speaker and Members. It has been accurately said that this issue is not new. That we have voted on it a number of times. And I believe, if my recollection is correct, that I voted on it both ways, or three or four ways, if there have been three or four times. And I think that I voted each time, in line with my best judgment of what things meant. But Mr. Speaker and Members, I have this feeling about the order of things in the House that I have observed over, now 18 years. And I don't see anyone objecting to the word "prayer." Nor have I heard anyone in the past object to the word "prayer," or by the Chaplain, or by someone standing in for the Chaplain, on a daily, temporary basis as a Chaplain pro tem, or for the words "time for a brief meditation." Mr. Speaker and Members, I have a problem with "non-denominational." It is a negative word. I don't know how to make, and I don't see a good reason, for asking a Catholic priest to be our Chaplain. And Monsignor [Haberger?] for years, was the House Chaplain. While I am not of the Catholic faith and persuasion, members of my family are. I have a deep respect for that segment of the Christian religion. Monsignor [Haberger?] was an outstanding Chaplain. I can't remember a single invocation or prayer that he gave that I didn't find helpful. In fact, a number of them, I asked him for copies so that I could read them over. But I wouldn't expect me to ask Monsignor [Haberger?] to give a prayer that was a non-Catholic prayer, because of a "non-denominational" word in front of it. I wouldn't expect a rabbi to give a Catholic prayer. Nor a minister from a Baptist church to give a prayer that was "non-denominational" or from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. We honor ourselves by honoring all of our Chaplains who offer us the prayer or meditations. So I support the action of the Rules Committee, on the word "non-denominational." I think it conveys a confusing message, and "prayer by the Chaplain" is sufficient. I think, "respects the religious diversity of the House," has not been an issue. But putting it in the wording, I think, makes it an issue. And I think that we should get back to the words that have worked over the years, and expect the Speaker and the Chaplain to line up persons to give us invocations that are uplifting at the beginning, without giving us invocations that are contrary to anyone's faith. I don't think we have to get into the question of religions. I hope we don't. I know that Representative Lindner knows that we wouldn't have the Christian faith if it hadn't been for Judaism before it. That the standards of Judaism were well known to the founder of the Christian, founders of the Christian church and faith. And we get strength from both. I think we shouldn't be struggling with one over the other. And I think we should expect this particular change in the rules to be a strengthening, rather than a weakening, of our practice. Thank you.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Crow Wing, Representative Hasskamp.

**Representative Hasskamp:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. I was not going to speak on this, but after Representative Lindner's comments, I have to. Because when he said what he did, my heart stopped. And I want the Members, because this is the most personal vote we are going to cast, this is the vote on what we want in this body before the session begins. It is not a political issue. It is a personal issue. And I want my colleagues, Representative Paymar and others of other faiths, to know why I am voting for this rule. And I am voting for the rule because I want to be exposed to other religious beliefs and prayers. Because in my 12 years, we have had other types of religious prayers here. And all my life, I have been exposed to other religions, and it has been good for me, and healthy for me. And Representative Paymar, that is why I don't want it to be sort of watered down to be, you know, non-whatever. I want to be able to be exposed to everything. So I want you to know why I believe we need to go back to giving some suggestions to the Speaker to make sure that our Chaplains are respectful and don't offend us by prayers that are allowed on this floor. But how we need to maybe make comments that we need to know what kinds of prayers are balanced and have more rabbis in here, and other religions in here. Because that is what is going to make us stronger, Members. And so, lets not get into us, you know, kind of, condemning other religious beliefs, but being tolerant of other religious beliefs. And that's why I am voting for this rule because I am not afraid of other religious beliefs or prayers. And by the way, Representative Lindner, every single morning, when I do my Liturgy of the Hours, the whole prayer is the Psalms. And the Old Testament is so precious to our faith. So I am really kind of, very kind of, offended myself to have those comments made about our, about the Jewish faith. Members, I wanted you to know why I am voting for this motion, this rule, because I like diversity of this prayer.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Any further discussion? The Member from Hennepin, Representative Van Dellen.

**Representative Van Dellen:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too am pleased that this rule change is going to come up today. I have not spoken on this issue in the past, either last session when we changed the rule, or last time I believe when Rep. Reuter brought the issue up early in this session. But I do want to talk about it today, because I believe the outcome might be different.

First of all, a bit of a history lesson is in order for anyone who might be watching on television at home, or who might read about this in the newspaper tomorrow. Last year, when we changed this, at least it was my perception, that when we made the change that has been controversial and is being reversed today, it was my perception that the change, which was a change to a rule which, as Representative Lindner observed, is very old, over a hundred years old, regarding the order of the day and the prayer, and it was my perception the day we changed the rule early in the 1999 regular session, that the amendment came with little warning for at least many Members of the body, and that there was a considerable amount of confusion over what the new words meant, "non-denominational" and the other clause that was inserted into the rule, and that the voting occurred perhaps without full consideration or reflection of what those words necessarily meant. Of course, that reflection occurred after the change was made. And I think the majority decided, upon further reflection, and by that I mean the majority of the Members, not the majority Caucus, but the majority of the Members of the House, both Republican and Democrat, that the wording change was not what they wished, not what they desired, not that it did not have, necessarily, the intent that they desired, and -- but by that point it became too late for the majority to act to amend the rule back, and so today, because of the procedural posture in which this comes to us, we have that opportunity to let the majority decide, and I think it is important for the public of Minnesota to know that the majority will prevail here today, the majority of the House both Republican and Democrat, it is not a partisan issue, but that it is important that the majority will prevail on this issue as others in this representative democracy. That is the first point.

Secondly, I think it is also important, and it was perhaps only knowable upon reflection and experience following the change made in the session last year how the public would perceive the message sent by the body in making the change to the rule. And I can tell you that, as a church-going Christian member of this body, I went, when I went to church in the Sundays following the rule change last session, the clear perception among members not only of my church but my friends and neighbors and associates and acquaintances was that the purpose of the rule was to strike the name of Jesus Christ from any prayers that were conducted in the House. Now, I am not saying that is what the rule says, and I am not saying that that is what you all meant by changing the rule, or that any of you meant that, but that is what the public heard and read when they heard about this change. And it is important to consider what the public perceives to be our direction as their elected representatives. And we have to always keep in mind that, they are not here every day, they are home taking care of their children and working their jobs and raising their families, and we have to consider how they hear it, and how they read it, and they read it as being an offense to the name of Jesus Christ, and we have to do something to correct that, and I think that the rule that the Majority Leader has proposed, the change, will correct that misapprehension by the public.

Thirdly, and finally, Mr. Speaker, I think that we have again in the context of debating this rule become a bit ego-centric here in the House, thinking that the important issue is the diversity of this House, and that's not it. We're Representatives. We're agents for the people of the state, and the important issue is to respect the diversity of the citizens of the state of Minnesota. And I think, in my personal opinion, Mr. Speaker, that we do that not by homogenizing prayer, that we do that by celebrating that diversity by having a wide diversity of prayers at the podium to open our sessions every day, and I can tell you personally that it has helped me grow as a person, not only spiritually, but also as a state, as opposed to a district or a parochial representative, as a State Representative, to hear a wide diversity of prayers that might not celebrate the same religion that I am from, but that provoke my thought and make me grow as a Representative, and I am glad that the Majority Leader has offered this rule change so that we can celebrate that diversity again. Thank you.

**Speaker Sviggum:** The Member from Hennepin, Representative Leppik.

**Chair Leppik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to divide the proposed rule change between lines 13 and 14, and take the second part first.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Leppik, I believe that that is divisible. Members of the body, Representative Leppik moves to divide the rule before us, the proposed rule, between lines 13 and 14 and asks that the second half, lines 14 and 15, be voted on first. There is stricken language in lines 14 and 15. Is that correct, Representative Leppik?

**Chair Leppik:** That is correct.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Okay, I believe that is divisible. We will do that. Representative Leppik, there will be a roll call vote on each half of the divided amendment. Is there any discussion to the second part of the amendment, lines 14 and 15, of the Rules Committee report? Representative Leppik?

**Chair Leppik:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, when I was first elected 10 years ago, I had no intention of coming here to engage in a battle over religion. It was the last thing that I would want or expect to do. But I find myself very uncomfortably in the middle of this, because I simply cannot remain silent.

I am uncomfortable with it because this is the wrong place for such an argument to take place. This Capitol is the center of our Government, where we make laws that affect all the people of this state. We do pray here, before we take attendance for session, to ask for guidance, to reflect, to celebrate, to comfort.

We invite religious leaders and lay people to lead us in prayer. And we expect them to understand that we are a religiously-mixed group. Some are Christian. Most are Christian here. Some are Jewish. And some have other religious beliefs. We all bring our beliefs and our values here. They are part of who we are. But we don't have to impose our beliefs and particular sectarian expressions as a matter of course on others who do not share them.

We are each free to add whatever we would like, quietly, at the end of a prayer to adapt it to our own religious traditions, and to make it more personal. Some people say that respect and diversity come in the totality of the prayers that are heard over a period of time. And perhaps that is true. It would be true if we did regularly have other religions represented. But, in fact, we don't. Over ten years, I think I can count on one hand the number of times I have heard a rabbi lead us in prayer. I recall once hearing a Native American religious leader. Better that we show religious tolerance and respect on a daily basis, so that all who wish to participate can do so fully and in good conscience. I have heard people say, "if the prayer does not suit you, just don't come." Well, doesn't that defeat the purpose of bringing us all together, even if just for a moment, in prayer? Besides which, we all know we take pot-luck when we walk in the Chamber. We don't know what is going to be said in that prayer. It is a sad day when we, as the leaders of the people of this state, say we cannot tolerate a rule that asks that prayers respect the religious diversity of the House.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any further discussion on the second part of the Rules Committee report before us? There is a roll call that has been requested. The Member from Dakota, Representative Wilkin.

**Representative Wilkin:** Point of parliamentary inquiry?

**Speaker Sviggum:** State your point of parliamentary inquiry.

**Representative Wilkin:** Could you tell Members what a "green" vote means on this?

**Speaker Sviggum:** Representative Wilkin, we are on the second part of the Rules Committee report, lines 14 and 15. A "green" vote would support lines 14 and 15, meaning those lines, the words "that respects the religious diversity of the House," would be stricken from the current rule.

**Representative Wilkin:** So if Members would like to adopt the Rules Committee report, they need to vote "green" on each of the next two votes?

**Speaker Sviggum:** That is correct, Representative Wilkin. The Member from Mower, Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I certainly encourage a "no" vote on this portion of the amendment. And, you know, would the Republican majority please let us know how many times we are going to need to debate our pre-session prayers? I mean, apparently this has become a top priority of the majority Caucus. This is the second time that we have dealt with this issue in this short session already. Last year, we spent hours debating pre-session prayers.

**Chairman Bishop:** Mr. Speaker.

**Speaker Sviggum:** For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

**Chairman Bishop:** Mr. Speaker, would you ask the gentleman to address the issue, not pull out politics? I am offended by his remarks that I have been in some way coopted by some Caucus or majority. I have spoken my position on it, Mr. Leighton, and I do not appreciate being considered. I am very much in favor of considering it, and if we have to do it for 10 hours, let us do it, or 10 days. But please do not coopt me, and call this a majority Republican issue. It is not.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, did Representative Bishop cite a rule?

**Speaker Sviggum:** No, Representative Leighton, he did not. Let us stick to the issue before us. The issue before us is, lines 14 and 15 of the Rules Committee report. Representative Leighton.

**Representative Leighton:** Mr. Speaker, I am going to try to focus my comments on this. This is an important issue. I agree with what Representative Leppik has said. I think she has shown some sensitivity on this issue. I can't say that about the majority of people on that side of the aisle. We have been through this exercise numerous times. The public expects some partisanship in this Chamber. We certainly should aggressively debate issues like education, issues like transportation, issues like taxes. We are now spending the second debate on pre-session prayers, and I think the public would be outraged. We need to focus on the important issues of this day. The point of the current language is to show some sensitivity to all Members in this body.

Representative Lindner, who is the Chairman of a Committee, and who is a leader in the Republican Caucus, said a few moments ago to Members of this body who are non-Christians that they should simply not be present on the Floor of the House of Representatives before the session starts if that is too much of a problem. You know, I think that that comment reflects the lack of sensitivity that the current language is meant to address. I believe that we should keep the current language. I think we need to show some respect for the diversity within the membership of this body. And I would hope that everyone would vote "no" on this portion of the amendment.

**Speaker Sviggum:** Is there any more discussion to the second part of the Rules Committee report? The Member from Dakota, Representative Pawlenty.

**Majority Leader Pawlenty:** Mr. Speaker and Members. Questions of politics and questions of religion generate strong feelings, and that is evident here today. Especially if the two get linked together, Representative Leighton, and I don't think this is about politics. And if you want a cite for Representative Bishop's point of order, it is Mason's Section 124 regarding motives of members. But beyond that, Mr. Speaker, we have a situation here, where our country obviously was founded on principles where individuals, in part, were fleeing religious tyranny. We have got Constitutional provisions that prohibit an establishment of religion. They allow, of course, the freedom of association of groups, including religious groups, and other provisions that are founded on the founding principles of this country, avoiding religious tyranny, avoiding the establishment of government-sanctioned, government-mandated religion.

Representative Paymar, you used the reference "impose religious views on you" in your remarks. And has been pointed out several times, the prayer that is offered here is when we are not in session. You can choose to not come, and come after the prayer, or wait out wherever you like, if you want. If you want to come, we can also make accommodations for the pastor to make a posting of what type of pastor is going to be here on a given day, so you know ahead of time what the nature of the prayer is.

But the larger point is this. I believe most members in this body want to embrace and respect diversity. They want to tolerate differences, whether they be religious differences or others. You want that, Representative Paymar. You want to tolerate religious differences. The frustration arises out of, I think, some confusing language from this prayer. Representative Bishop and others have said we have struggled to define what "non-denominational" is, and "respecting religious diversity," in the context of prayer. Let me give you an example. In the Christian faith, you can only pray to one God. You can only pray one way. And so it is not a prayer for the Christian Members of the Legislature to have a prayer from, say, a Member who worships Buddha. So that would, by definition, not respect our religious viewpoints. Similarly, if we have a Christian prayer that is in Jesus' name, that would be offensive to Members of the body who are Jewish, or of concern to you. And so we have a prayer rule that allows prayer, but it has to be a generic prayer which by definition by many faiths cannot be prayer. I mean you cannot have a, technically, Christian prayer, for example -- not to focus on that -- that is genericized. You cannot have a prayer by a Buddhist leader that respects the religious diversity of certain Members of the House. So we have a difficult situation. What we are suggesting as an alternative is to allow people of different faiths to come before the body, as we have traditionally. In the last session, for example, we had Lutheran and Catholic, and non-denominational, Alliance, with community churches, Jewish rabbis, Baptists and others come before the body. I have, again, spoken to the Speaker about this, to make a conscious effort to have pastors come that reflects religious diversity of the House. But it is difficult, if not impossible, to construct a prayer, an individual prayer, that respects the religious diversity of the whole House. That is all we are talking about. We are not talking about "imposing a religion," or being intolerant. So, again, each individual prayer, it is difficult to respect the diversity of the whole House, but over the course of the session, cumulatively, the prayers should. We agree with that, Representative Paymar, we agree with that. And we certainly are not here to be religiously intolerant or to have any form of religious tyranny. We don't want that. And I don't think this leads to that. It worked reasonably well for all the years that we've had it. There has not been a substantial change of practice. But the rule change did require a letter to go out to the pastors, again, that mandates that your prayer be inter-faith, ecumenical, not exclusionary of any faith, not focused on a denomination's distinctives, and it really makes it difficult to design a prayer that meets those definitions. And so, we are just trying to solve that problem. And I don't think we need to get into hysteria or finger-pointing. It is just allowing diversity in the context of the session.

If you are going to have diversity, Representative Paymar and others, you have got to allow it. You have got to allow it. You have to tolerate it. And if we are just going to have a generic, homogenous prayer, there is no diversity. And I believe you have enough room in your heart and in your perspective to allow diverse religious thought and other forms of diversity. So I hope this is put in proper context and that Members support the amendment as it originally came out of the Rules Committee.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Hennepin, Representative Kelliher.

**Representative Kelliher:** Members and Mr. Speaker. I do not rise often to speak, but I want to say that, if that is your intent, Mr. Majority Leader, then you will support what Representative Leppik is trying to do. Because I believe what she is trying to do gets at maybe where we should be. And when Representative Van Dellen raised that it should respect the diversity of Minnesota, I remember distinctly having that debate last year. We don't want to get into that debate. What we want to deal with here is the diversity of this body. And the respect of this body. I believe that when we, if we made the change, and we defeated this part of the change, and maybe made a reconsideration, some of us, on the other part of the change, that could accomplish much of the goal that many of you have spoken to. So I implore you to think about this, to give it your deepest thought, and to support Representative Leppik on this move, and to take away some of the fire and contention that has been around this debate, and to respect the diversity of the body. I ask for your "no" vote.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Ramsey, Representative Entenza.

**Representative Entenza:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, uh, Representative Pawlenty, I know you are on the phone, but I, I'll, I just want to address a couple of remarks, because actually, I agreed with most of your speech. I, I was glad to see the, uh, uh, the, a kinder and gentler tone coming out, um, and talking about respecting, uh, diversity. Uh, but then I'm confused by, your, uh, then calling for the passage of the second part of this amendment, because this says very clearly that we will be respecting religious diversity, but if we vote "green" on this, we are talking about removing that. And your arguments, I think, are about a different issue, a different part of the resolution coming out of the Rules Committee. When you look at this resolution, it comes from Section 1.01 of the Permanent Rules: the Convening of the House. In other words, when we are convening our body. And I am concerned, Representative Pawlenty, that your call for respecting diversity does not recognize the fact that we're, we've already had speeches here talking about the fact that people just shouldn't show up on the House floor. They should just stay away. They shouldn't be here for our convening. And I think if we want to respect our religious diversity, we need to make sure that we follow Representative Leppik's lead, and that we support this particular language.

Because we have already heard speeches on this House floor that make it clear that diversity apparently is not particularly well respected. And I think we need to make sure that we have very clear language that does respect it and I would urge a "red" vote on the second portion of this resolution.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Otter Tail, Representative Nornes.

**Representative Nornes:** Members, I just want to make a real short comment. I do consider this to be a serious issue, contrary to some others. I also consider it to be very serious to be in this body, to be a part of this Legislature. I feel it is a very, very high privilege. Since being elected to the House of Representatives, I have also thought it was a privilege to invite pastors from my district to come here, to be our guests, to lead us in prayer. And I have done that, every year. And I have talked to the Chaplain, and I have given him names of people that are in my district who would consider it a deep honor to come here. Until last year, when I received word from one of my friends who was a pastor of a church in my community, and he said he would not come here. And the reason for him not coming here is exactly the rule that we are voting on today. And I find right now very difficult, it is very difficult to invite others under this rule.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** The Member from Sherburne, Representative Olson.

**Representative Olson:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate Members taking the time to discuss this again. Representative Pawlenty referenced the Constitution and our rights. The Preamble of the Minnesota Constitution recognizes that "we, the people of the state of Minnesota, grateful to God for our civil and religious liberty." And of course, that is established in the federal Constitution. Under Article I, Section 2, Rights and Privileges, "No member of this state shall be disenfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof."

My question to you, Members, is why, how is it right to take away my right to have someone say a prayer that is meaningful to me? How is that respectful, and not respectful to take away? Excuse me, why is it right to take away my right to have someone say a prayer that is meaningful to me? Why is that right?

I don't need to ask the other side of the coin. I don't need to reflect on what the other side of it is. You are talking about respect. You are talking about respecting the religious diversity of the House. What this is a good example of, is that you cannot put language in law that establishes diversity. You cannot simply write something that says "respect diversity," and it happens.

Because what we have experienced in this body since we have had this, is that some of us can no longer have someone come and pray a prayer that is meaningful to us. And you are saying that is "respectful of diversity." Instead, what it means is that certain religions cannot say a prayer, or have a prayer said that reflects their beliefs. But all other religions can.

And I do not understand how you are, I cannot see how you are saying that this language, if we left it as it is, would be respectful, because it literally means that some prayers cannot be said, but all others can. And it doesn't matter if it is the majority of the body's prayer, or if the minority's. Because what we had for over 140 years is the religious diversity of this House being respected.

I have heard prayers from the podium, from the Clerk's position, that did not respect my religious views. But I found it insightful. I found it beneficial. I found it insightful to experience, but it did not respect my religious views. And that is fine. It does not have to respect my religious views every day.

What was said earlier, that there should not be a matter of course. The language we have had established a matter of course. It established a House prayer. What we had for 140 years did not establish a House prayer. We had diversity. Everyone has had the right to ask for a clergy to come in, or a rabbi, or whatever, to come in and say a prayer for the body. And we have always respected the religious diversity of the House. And I hope that we will go back to that position. Thank you.

**Chairman Abrams (on the dais):** Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, a roll call has been requested. A "green" vote is to accept the second portion of the Rules Committee report. A "red" vote is to reject the second portion of the Rules Committee report. The Clerk will take the roll. The House is under Call. Members will please vote. The Clerk will call the absent Members. All Members having voted, the Clerk will close the roll. There being 71 "ayes" and 60 "nays," the second portion of the report of the Rules Committee is adopted.

We are now on the first half of the report of the Rules Committee. Is there any discussion? If not, a roll call has been requested. A "green" vote is in favor of the first portion of the report of the Rules Committee. A "red" vote is a vote against the first portion of the report of the Rules Committee. The Clerk will take the roll. Members will please vote. The House is under Call. The House is under Call. Members will vote. All Members having voted, the Clerk will close the roll. There being 79 "ayes" and 52 "nays," the first portion of the report of the Rules Committee is adopted.

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1                   REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS  
2                   IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT  
3                   AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE ARLON LINDNER  
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5         On February 28, 2000, the Speaker referred to the Ethics  
6     Committee a complaint filed against Representative Arlon Lindner  
7     pursuant to the Permanent Rules of the House of Representatives,  
8     Rule 6.10. The complaint and an amendment filed March 15, 2000,  
9     are attached.

10       Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the House Committee  
11   on Ethics, the Committee notified Representative Lindner and the  
12   complainants in the matter that the Committee would meet on  
13   March 20, 2000, to consider the complaint and requested them to  
14   be present.

15       Pursuant to the Committee's rules of procedure, within 21  
16   days after receipt of the complaint, on March 20, 2000, the  
17   Committee met in public session to hear witnesses and take  
18   evidence from the complainants and Representative Lindner and  
19   his counsel on whether there was probable cause to support the  
20   complaint. A second public hearing was held on March 21, 2000.  
21   At the conclusion of that hearing, a majority of the members of  
22   the committee voted to meet in executive session to consider and  
23   determine the question of probable cause.

24       The Committee met in executive session March 23, 2000.

1        Findings and Conclusions

2        (1) The facts in the matter are not in dispute.

3        (2) The Committee finds that Representative Arlon Lindner's  
4 comments on the House Floor on February 23, 2000, were  
5 very regrettable.6        (3) The Committee further finds that discipline is  
7 inappropriate and no further action will be taken.8        (4) The Committee will send the Speaker of the House a  
9 recommendation that the House Rules relating to speech in debate  
10 are contradictory and need to be revised.

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12        Elaine Hardin13        Point Pleasant14        Jerry M. DavisMary MurphyFrank W. DickeyDean Wagonius

**Steve Sviggum**

**Speaker of the House**

District 28B

Dodge, Goodhue, Olmsted,  
Steele and Waseca Counties



**Minnesota  
House of  
Representatives**

February 28, 2000

Rep. Elaine Harder  
487 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative Elaine Harder:

Pursuant to Permanent Rules of the House, 6.10, I am forwarding to you, an ethics complaint regarding Representative Arlon Lindner, and accompanying materials which I received today. As you know, House Rules require that I forward any complaints to the Committee within seven days for your consideration. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Sviggum".

Representative Steve Sviggum  
Speaker of the House

cc: Members of the Ethics Committee (w/out enclosures)

Representative Bob Milbert, Vice-chair

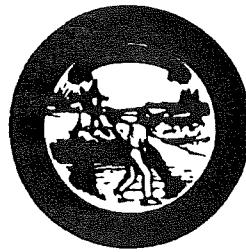
Representative Greg Davids

Representative Mary Murphy

Representative Jim Rhodes, alternate

Representative Jean Wagenius, alternate





# Minnesota House of Representatives

February 28, 2000

The Honorable Steve Ssviggum  
Speaker of the House  
463 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Speaker Ssviggum:

Pursuant to House Rule 6.10 we request that the House Committee on Ethics convene for the purpose of investigating the conduct of Representative Arlon Lindner. The subject of this ethics filing is contained in the enclosed complaint.

It is our request that a preliminary hearing be held on this complaint immediately, pursuant to the procedures of the Committee on Ethics.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Entenza  
Representative Matt Entenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert J. Leighton

Enclosure

cc: Representative Arlon Lindner





# Minnesota House of Representatives

## FORMAL NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE ARLON LINDNER FOR VIOLATION OF THE RULES OF THE MINNESOTA HOUSE

### NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

The undersigned, members of the Minnesota House of Representatives, in furtherance of their responsibilities to uphold the Constitution and Rules of the House, hereby notify the Speaker of the House of their filing of a complaint against Representative Arlon Lindner.

Representative Lindner's violation of Rule 6.10 of the House, promulgated pursuant to the Minnesota State Constitution, Article IV, Section 7, and the formal Rules of the House, adopted on January 11, 1999, requires the immediate convening of the House Ethics Committee for a preliminary hearing as provided by House Rule 6.10.

The complaint is hereby enclosed and contains, with specificity, the allegations sworn by the undersigned Representatives.

We swear the statements in the complaint are true, so help us God.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2000.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Entenza  
Representative Matt Entenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert Leighton





# Minnesota House of Representatives

## ETHICS COMPLAINT AGAINST REPRESENTATIVE ARLON LINDNER FOR VIOLATION OF MINNESOTA HOUSE RULE 6.10

### COMPLAINT

The Minnesota State Constitution, Article IV, Section 7, provides that each house may determine the rules of its proceeding and for the punishment of members. The House adopted on January 11, 1999, rule 6.10 which provides in relevant part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that violates a rule or administrative policy of the House, that violates accepted norms of House behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.**

During the debate on proposed changes to House Rule 1.01 on February 23, 2000, Representative Arlon Lindner violated Rule 6.10.

Representative Lindner speaking to Representative Michael Paymar, a Jewish member of this House, said, "don't impose your irreligious left views on me."

This statement violates accepted norms of House behavior and tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute. We are compelled to bring the following two counts to the attention of the House Committee on Ethics:

#### Count 1

Pursuant to House Rule 9.01 the Rules Committee has established a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House. The statement by Representative Lindner violates Rule 6.10. The rule states in part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that . . .  
violates accepted norms of House behavior.**

Representative Lindner's derogatory remarks about the Jewish faith clearly violates accepted norms of conduct. This is further verified by the provisions of the House Code of Conduct



(Attachment 1) that require a State Representative to treat everyone with respect, fairness and courtesy; and be respectful of the House of Representatives as a fundamental institution of civil government.

Count 2

Pursuant to House Rule 9.01 the Rules Committee has established a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House. The statement by Representative Lindner violates Rule 6.10. The rule states in part:

**A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that . . . tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.**

The statement by Representative Lindner defamed people of the Jewish faith by calling them irreligious and impugning the sincerity of their religious beliefs. As evidence of this, members filed a formal protest and dissent as a result of the remarks of Representative Lindner.

(Attachment 2)

Conclusion and Request for Relief

We, the undersigned, believe that the following two counts require immediate consideration by the House Committee on Ethics. We respectfully request that the Committee find that probable cause exists for the violation of these rules and that the Committee, in open hearing, recommend an appropriate sanction for the violation of our rules.

Submitted with this complaint (as required by Rule 6.10) is a copy of the Transcript from the House Floor Session from February 23, 2000, and a copy of the recording log from that day's session.

We swear that the statements in this complaint subscribed to us are true, so help us God.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2000.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Emenza  
Representative Matt Emenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert Leighton

**Minnesota House of Representatives  
Tape Proceedings House Floor Session  
February 23, 2000**

Begin Tape Counter 3186

Representative Michael Paymar:

I'm a little surprised at the Majority Leader for bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is a short legislative session. We have pressing items that we should be debating. And now this is the second time that members of your caucus have brought this to the body to consume more time, more energy, talking about what kind of prayer we should have to start each session. Rep. Leppik, I thought gave a really a beautiful speech last time this was brought up, explaining the reason and the purpose for the language that we currently have in rules, that allows for non-denominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking that language out of the rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me. So not only am I concerned about the time that this is going to take away from the busy work when we should have been doing Minnesota's work, but I'm concerned about the intent behind it. Because it was only last year.. Mr. Speaker, I can't hear.. It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and Members that I remember Rep. Lindner getting up before the House and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion is the majority of this House so why can't we have the kind of prayers we want in this body? Now is that your intent? I know that that is not in your heart to be disrespectful of those members who aren't Christians, Rep. Lindner and others who are going to support this rule change, but it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful. You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body and the minority members here. Minority religious members here, in my view. I know that's not in your hearts and I know what your intent is, but I have expressed to you before how this makes certain members feel who are not Christians. Now I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week. I get them on my e-mail. You invite people to your fellowships. Fine, do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before Session starts if you feel like you want to have prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be part of that moment where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be non-denominational and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position, we vote down this rule change.

Tape Counter 3372

Representative Arlon Lindner:

Rep. Paymar, I don't know for sure what you're talking about. If you're talking about wasting time, did you sit there and listen to Rep. Kahn waste all that time just a few minutes ago? I think prayer is very important. You know we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left, not able to pray in the name of our God when we have an opportunity to pray. That's disrespectful of the Majority's rights. Now if you don't want to be here for prayer, as the Speaker has said before, this isn't mandatory, the prayer happens before session begins. And I don't know why you're looking at me all this time, you know while you're talking. I'm very happy this is coming back up and I think all we're doing is putting the order of the day, the order

for prayer and the way we do prayer back like it was for hundreds of years before this session. And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. There's some groups that pray in here that I stay out of the room. We have that privilege. And you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me.

Tape Counter 3454

Representative Barb Haake:

Members, I don't know about the rest of you, but I really don't care what God everybody prays to. They're all praying to one God. And as far as I'm concerned, I need all the help I can get. I really appreciate the prayers from everybody's God. Thank you.

Tape Counter 3473

Representative Betty McCollum:

Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members. I'm going to vote against it for a couple of reasons. The paramount one is that the two times this has been discussed on the floor, it was within the way the Rules of the House are adopted. And its more than a simple majority. And I voted against this amendment in the Rule Committee. What we've done here is we've said, 'OK, there's a majority who would like the prayer to be conducted in a certain way. And we can't win when it's a simple majority. So we'll amend the rules going through the rules committee, where simple majority can win.' And the reason why we have a higher standard for adopting the rules as we do in the first weeks of session, is so that the minority is heard. And we lost that in the way that the rules are adopted. And that's why I voted against it in the rules committee. I'm very concerned about the tenor of discussion. I'm a Christian, I'm a Catholic. And I'm not here trying to out-Christian anybody else. And when I want to pray a Catholic Creed, I do it at church. And I enjoy the fellowship of the many denominations in this hall. And I enjoy the fellowship of praying together when everybody feels included. And the comments just don't come. Well, you know, if you just don't come for the prayer, you just don't get to say the Pledge of Allegiance either. Because the doors are closed for that. So Members, I would encourage you not to vote for this amendment. And Rep. Paymar, one of my favorite religious songs is, "They know we are Christians by our Love".

Tape Counter 3570

Representative Matt Entenza:

Mr. Speaker I think the issue today is whether or not we're going to show the respect that the present rule has. And Rep. Lindner, I hope that perhaps you want to rethink the last remark that you made. We have members in this body who come from different religious traditions. And to suggest that someone who comes from the Jewish tradition, a tradition that we should all certainly honor, that somehow is an irreligious one, suggests to me that it is very important to vote against this motion from the rules committee.

Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Mr. Speaker will Rep. Lindner yield to a question? Did I hear you say, 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' Is that your quote to Rep. Paymar? Mr. Speaker, apparently I'm not speaking loudly enough. Rep. Lindner, did you say 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' to Rep. Paymar?

Tape Counter 3587

Representative Arlon Lindner:

It was something like that.

Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm embarrassed, quite frankly for what Rep. Lindner said. And as a Christian, who does Bible devotions almost every night with his family, I apologize to you, because most of us don't feel that way, Rep. Paymar. I apologize, I'm embarrassed on behalf of we Christians.



# Minnesota House of Representatives

March 15, 2000

The Honorable Elaine Harder, Chair  
Committee on Ethics  
487 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Bob Milbert, Co-Chair  
Committee on Ethics  
243 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representatives Harder and Milbert:

Pursuant to House Rule 6.10, please find our amendment to the complaint we previously submitted to the House Committee on Ethics. Enclosed is an amendment to Counts 1 and 2 and a new Count 3. This amended complaint more fully encapsulates the issues raised by Representative Lindner's conduct.

We are available and ready for the probable cause hearing on Monday, March 20, 2000, and stand prepared to present our case to the committee.

Ann H. Rest  
Representative Ann H. Rest

Matt Entenza  
Representative Matt Entenza

Wes Skoglund  
Representative Wes Skoglund

Robert J. Leighton  
Representative Robert Leighton

Enclosure

cc: Representative Arlon Lindner  
Speaker Steve Ssviggum



**Points of order raised under “Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure”**

**Section 124 (Personalities not Permitted in Debate)**

**1973 to the present**

Compiled by Deb McKnight, House Research Department  
March 13, 2000

Reuter	Seagren	Stang	Sykora	Weaver	Workman
Rhodes	Seifert	Sviggum	Tingelstad	Westfall	
Rifenberg	Smith	Swenson, D.	Tompkins	Westrom	
Rostberg	Stanek	Swenson, H.	Vickerman	Wolf	

The bill was passed and its title agreed to.

\* Monday, March 10, 1997

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Paymar moved that the name of Rhodes be added as an author on H. F. No. 205. The motion prevailed.

Paymar moved that the name of Rhodes be added as an author on H. F. No. 206. The motion prevailed.

Sviggum moved that the name of Kalis be added as an author on H. F. No. 211. The motion prevailed.

Dawkins moved that the name of Peterson be added as an author on H. F. No. 245. The motion prevailed.

Opatz moved that the name of Folliard be added as an author on H. F. No. 304. The motion prevailed.

Molnau moved that the name of McElroy be added as an author on H. F. No. 421. The motion prevailed.

Orfield moved that the name of Pawlenty be added as an author on H. F. No. 423. The motion prevailed.

Goodno moved that the name of Mulder be added as an author on H. F. No. 608. The motion prevailed.

Rukavina moved that the name of Wagenius be added as chief author on H. F. No. 707. The motion prevailed.

Rifenberg moved that the name of Nornes be added as an author on H. F. No. 732. The motion prevailed.

Greenfield moved that the name of Luther be added as an author on H. F. No. 1057. The motion prevailed.

Abrams moved that the name of Mulder be added as an author on H. F. No. 1095. The motion prevailed.

Milbert moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 1201. The motion prevailed.

Boudreau moved that the following statement be printed in the Journal of the House: "It was my intention to vote in the negative on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, when the vote was taken on the final passage of H. F. No. 266." The motion prevailed.

POINT OF ORDER

Sviggum raised a point of order pursuant to section 124, paragraph 3, of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

Rifenberg moved that the following statement be printed in the Journal of the House: "It was my intention to vote in the affirmative on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, when the vote was taken on the final passage of H. F. No. 266." The motion prevailed.

Otremba	Pugh	Rukavina	Solberg	Trimble	Wejcman	Spk. Anderson, I.
Perlt	Rest	Sarna	Stanek	Tunheim	Wenzel	
Peterson	Rice	Skoglund	Tomassoni	Wagenius	Winter	

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

Molnau moved to amend S. F. No. 2857, the unofficial engrossment, as amended, as follows:

Page 2, delete lines 38 to 44

Correct the section totals and the summaries by fund accordingly

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Molnau amendment and the roll was called. There were 57 yeas and 76 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abrams	Daggett	Haas	Leppik	Olson, M.	Stanek	Wolf
Anderson, B.	Davids	Hackbarth	Lindner	Onnen	Sviggum	Worke
Bettermann	Dempsey	Harder	Lynch	Osskopp	Swenson, D.	Workman
Bishop	Erhardt	Holsten	Macklin	Paulsen	Swenson, H.	
Boudreau	Finseth	Johnson, V.	Mares	Pawlenty	Tuma	
Bradley	Frerichs	Knight	McElroy	Pellow	Van Dellen	
Broecker	Girard	Koppendrayer	Molnau	Rhodes	Van Engen	
Carlson, S.	Goodno	Kraus	Mulder	Seagren	Vickerman	
Commers	Gunther	Krinkie	Ness	Smith	Weaver	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson, R.	Delmont	Jefferson	Leighton	Munger	Perlt	Sykora
Bakk	Dorn	Jennings	Lieder	Murphy	Peterson	Tomassoni
Bertram	Entenza	Johnson, A.	Long	Olson, E.	Pugh	Trimble
Brown	Farrell	Johnson, R.	Loureys	Opatz	Rest	Tunheim
Carlson, L.	Garcia	Kahn	Luther	Orenstein	Rice	Wagenius
Carruthers	Greenfield	Kalis	Mahon	Orfield	Rostberg	Warkentin
Clark	Greiling	Kelley	Mariani	Osthoff	Rukavina	Wejcman
Cooper	Hasskamp	Kelso	Marko	Ostrom	Sarna	Wenzel
Dauner	Hausman	Kinkel	McCollum	Otremba	Schumacher	Winter
Dawkins	Huntley	Knoblauch	McGuire	Ozment	Skoglund	Spk. Anderson, I.
Dehler	Jaros	Larsen	Milbert	Pelowski	Solberg	

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted.

Girard moved to amend S. F. No. 2857, the unofficial engrossment, as amended, as follows:

Pages 23 to 26, delete section 38

Renumber the sections in sequence and correct internal references

Amend the title accordingly

\* Wednesday,

February 28, 1996

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

POINT OF ORDER

Sviggum raised a point of order pursuant to section 124, paragraph 3, of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby announce the passage by the Senate of the following House File, herewith returned, as amended by the Senate, in which amendment the concurrence of the House is respectfully requested:

H.F. No. 219, A bill for an act relating to insurance; health plans; requiring coverage for treatment of Lyme disease; requiring a study; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 62A.136; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

PATRICK E. FLAHAVEN, Secretary of the Senate

Murphy moved that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H. F. No. 219 and that the bill be repassed as amended by the Senate.

Sviggum moved that the House refuse to concur in the Senate amendments to H. F. No. 219, that the Speaker appoint a Conference Committee of 5 members of the House, and that the House requests that a like committee be appointed by the Senate to confer on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

POINT OF ORDER

Carruthers raised a point of order pursuant to section 124 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

The question recurred on the Sviggum motion and the roll was called. There were 81 yeas and 53 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abrams	Dawkins	Hackbarth	Krinkie	Ness	Rostberg	Van Dellen
Anderson, B.	Dehler	Harder	Larsen	Olson, M.	Rukavina	Van Engen
Bettermann	Dempsey	Hausman	Leppik	Onnen	Seagren	Vickerman
Bishop	Entenza	Holsten	Lindner	Orfield	Smith	Warkentin
Boudreau	Erhardt	Jaros	Lynch	Osskopp	Stanek	Weaver
Bradley	Finseth	Jefferson	Macklin	Osthoff	Sviggum	Wejcmans
Broecker	Frerichs	Johnson, V.	Mares	Ozment	Swenson, D.	Wolf
Carlson, S.	Girard	Kahn	Mariani	Paulsen	Swenson, H.	Worke
Clark	Goodno	Knight	McCollum	Pawlenty	Sykora	Workman
Commers	Greenfield	Knoblauch	McElroy	Pellow	Tomassoni	
Daggett	Gunther	Koppendrayer	Molnau	Rhodes	Tompkins	
Davids	Haas	Kraus	Mulder	Rice	Tuma	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson, R.	Delmont	Johnson, A.	Long	Murphy	Peterson	Tunheim
Bakk	Dorn	Johnson, R.	Loureys	Olson, E.	Pugh	Wagenius
Bertram	Farrell	Kalis	Luther	Opatz	Rest	Wenzel
Brown	Garcia	Kelley	Mahon	Orenstein	Sarna	Winter
Carlson, L.	Greiling	Kelso	Marko	Ostrom	Schumacher	Spk. Anderson, I.
Carruthers	Hasskamp	Kinkel	McGuire	Otremba	Skoglund	
Cooper	Huntley	Leighton	Milbert	Pelowski	Solberg	
Danner	Jennings	Lieder	Munger	Perlt	Trimble	

The motion prevailed.

Pellow moved to amend H. F. No. 1056, the first engrossment, as amended, as follows:

Page 3, line 14, after the period insert "However, the council may not cancel any route or transit service where there are, on the average, 20 or more riders per vehicle, in each direction of the route."

POINT OF ORDER

Goodno raised a point of order pursuant to section 124 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

The question recurred on the Pellow amendment to H. F. No. 1056, the first engrossment, as amended. The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted.

Garcia moved that H. F. No. 1056, as amended, be continued on Special Orders. The motion prevailed.

H. F. No. 628, A bill for an act relating to the family; creating a presumption of refusal or neglect of parental duties in certain termination of parental rights cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 260.221, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the third time and placed upon its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill and the roll was called. There were 132 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abrams	Dehler	Holsten	Leighton	Munger	Peterson	Tomassoni
Anderson, B.	Delmont	Hugoson	Leppik	Murphy	Pugh	Tompkins
Bakk	Dempsey	Huntley	Lieder	Ness	Rest	Trimble
Bertram	Dorn	Jefferson	Lindner	Olson, E.	Rhodes	Tuma
Bettermann	Entenza	Jennings	Long	Olson, M.	Rice	Tunheim
Bishop	Erhardt	Johnson, A.	Lourey	Onnen	Rostberg	Van Dellen
Boudreau	Farrell	Johnson, R.	Luther	Opatz	Rukavina	Van Engen
Bradley	Finseth	Johnson, V.	Lynch	Orenstein	Sarna	Vickerman
Broecker	Frerichs	Kahn	Macklin	Orfield	Schumacher	Wagenius
Brown	Garcia	Kalis	Mahon	Osskopp	Seagren	Warkentin
Carlson	Girard	Kelley	Mares	Osthoff	Simoneau	Weaver
Carruthers	Goodno	Kelso	Mariani	Ostrom	Skoglund	Wejman
Clark	Greenfield	Kinkel	Marko	Otremba	Smith	Wenzel
Commers	Greiling	Knight	McCollum	Ozment	Solberg	Winter
Cooper	Haas	Knoblauch	McElroy	Paulsen	Stanek	Wolf
Daggett	Hackbart	Koppendrayer	McGuire	Pawlenty	Sviggum	Worke
Dauner	Harder	Kraus	Milbert	Pellow	Swenson, D.	Workman
Davids	Hasskamp	Krunkie	Molnau	Pelowski	Swenson, H.	Spk. Anderson, I.
Dawkins	Hausman	Larsen	Mulder	Perl	Sykora	

The bill was passed and its title agreed to.

S. F. No. 893, A bill for an act relating to insurance; the comprehensive health association; changing benefits; changing the association's enrollment freeze date; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, sections 62E.12; and 62Q.18, subdivision 8.

The bill was read for the third time and placed upon its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill and the roll was called. There were 132 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abrams	Bertram	Boudreau	Brown	Clark	Daggett	Dawkins
Anderson, B.	Bettermann	Bradley	Carlson	Commers	Dauner	Dehler
Bakk	Bishop	Broecker	Carruthers	Cooper	Davids	Delmont

POINT OF ORDER

Carruthers raised a point of order pursuant to section 124 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

POINT OF ORDER

Sviggum raised a point of order pursuant to Article III of the Minnesota Constitution relating to the distribution of the powers of government. The Speaker ruled the point of order not in order.

H. F. No. 2278, A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the governor to develop a plan to create a secretarial system of executive branch organization.

The bill was read for the third time, as amended, and placed upon its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill and the roll was called. There were 82 yeas and 50 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson, R.	Clark	Huntley	Lasley	Murphy	Peterson	Steenisma
Asch	Cooper	Jacobs	Lieder	Neary	Pugh	Sviggum
Battaglia	Dauner	Jaros	Long	Nelson	Reding	Tomassoni
Bauerly	Dawkins	Jefferson	Lourey	Olson, E.	Rest	Trimble
Beard	Delmont	Jennings	Luther	Olson, K.	Rice	Tunheim
Bergson	Dorn	Johnson, A.	Mahon	Opatz	Rodosovich	Vellenga
Bertram	Evans	Johnson, R.	Mariani	Orenstein	Rukavina	Wejman
Bishop	Farrell	Kahn	McCollum	Orfield	Sarna	Wenzel
Brown, C.	Garcia	Kalis	McGuire	Osthoff	Sekhon	Winter
Brown, K.	Goodno	Kelley	Milbert	Ostrom	Simoneau	Spk. Anderson, I.
Carlson	Gutknecht	Kinkel	Mosel	Pelowski	Smith	
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Commers	Greenfield	Knight	Macklin	Pawlenty	Van Engen	
Davids	Gruenes	Koppendrayer	Molnau	Rhodes	Vickerman	
Dehler	Haukoos	Krinkie	Morrison	Seagren	Wagenius	
Dempsey	Holsten	Krueger	Ness	Skoglund	Waltman	
Erhardt	Hugoson	Leppik	Olson, M.	Stanisus	Weaver	
Finseth	Johnson, V.	Limmer	Onnen	Swenson	Wolf	

The bill was passed, as amended, and its title agreed to.

Carruthers moved that the remaining bills on Special Orders for today be continued. The motion prevailed.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

Carruthers moved that the bills on General Orders for today be continued. The motion prevailed.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Greiling moved that the name of Asch be added as an author on H. F. No. 664. The motion prevailed.

Dawkins moved that the name of Wejman be added as an author on H. F. No. 2644. The motion prevailed.

The question recurred on the Welle amendment, as amended, to the proposed rules, as amended, and the roll was called. There were 131 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Adams	Dauner	Haukoos	Krinkie	Munger	Peterson	Tompkins
Anderson, L.	Davids	Hausman	Krueger	Murphy	Pugh	Trimble
Anderson, R.	Dawkins	Holsten	Lasley	Neary	Reding	Tunheim
Auch	Dehler	Hugoson	Leppik	Nelson	Rest	Van Dellen
Battaglia	Delmont	Huntley	Lieder	Ness	Rhodes	Vellenga
Beverly	Dempsey	Jacobs	Limmer	Olson, E.	Rodosovich	Vickerman
Board	Dorn	Jefferson	Lindner	Olson, K.	Sarna	Wagenius
Borgman	Erhardt	Jennings	Loureys	Olson, M.	Seagren	Waltman
Bretz	Evans	Johnson, A.	Luther	Onnen	Sekhon	Weaver
Bettermann	Farrell	Johnson, R.	Lynch	Opatz	Simoneau	Wejcmans
Bishop	Frerichs	Johnson, V.	Macklin	Orenstein	Skoglund	Welle
Blatz	Garcia	Kahn	Mahon	Orfield	Smith	Wenzel
Brown, C.	Girard	Kalis	Mariani	Osthoff	Solberg	Winter
Brown, K.	Goodno	Kelley	McCollum	Ostrom	Sparby	Wolf
Carlson	Greenfield	Kelso	McGuire	Ozment	Stanius	Worke
Cantthers	Greiling	Kinkel	Milbert	Pauly	Steensma	Workman
Clark	Gruenes	Klinzing	Molnau	Pawlenty	Sviggum	Spk. Long
Commers	Gutknecht	Knickerbocker	Morrison	Pelowski	Sweifson	
Cooper	Hasskamp	Koppendrayer	Mosel	Perlt	Tomassoni	

The motion prevailed and the amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Bishop moved to amend the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 78th Session, as amended, as follows:

Page 9, lines 24 and 25, delete the new language

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

Lasley was excused for the remainder of today's session.

Sviggum moved to amend the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 78th Session, as amended, as follows:

Page 20, lines 17 to 19, delete the new language and restore the stricken language

Page 20, line 20, restore the stricken "sets" and delete "set"

Page 20, after line 31, insert:

"Any amendment raising appropriations or taxes must be balanced with an equal amendment of appropriation or increase or decrease to keep the bill within the budget resolution. Amendments may provide for the appropriation increase or increase from other bills that are being considered by the House."

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

POINT OF ORDER

Sviggum raised a point of order pursuant to section 124 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

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Trimble moved that H. F. No. 2586, now on Technical General Orders, be re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations. The motion prevailed.

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Trimble moved that H. F. No. 1453, now on Technical General Orders, be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The motion prevailed.

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McGuire moved that H. F. No. 2437, now on Technical General Orders, be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The motion prevailed.

Dawkins moved that H. F. No. 2643, now on Technical General Orders, be re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The motion prevailed.

Reding moved that H. F. No. 2848 be recalled from the Committee on Labor-Management Relations and be re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations. The motion prevailed.

Runbeck moved that H. F. No. 2864 be recalled from the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. The motion prevailed.

Gutknecht moved that S. F. No. 1716, now on General Orders, be re-referred to the Committee on General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming.

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

POINT OF ORDER

Sviggum raised a point of order pursuant to section 125 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personal disputes between members. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

The question recurred on the Gutknecht motion and the roll was called. There were 76 yeas and 49 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abrams  
Anderson, R.

Anderson, R. H.  
Battaglia

Begich  
Bettermann

Blatz  
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Price	Rukavina	Solberg	Voss	Spk. Vanasek
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The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted.

Clausnitzer offered an amendment to the second portion of House Resolution No. 49.

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#### POINT OF ORDER

Wynia raised a point of order pursuant to rule 3.9 that the Clausnitzer amendment was not in order. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken and the amendment out of order.

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#### POINT OF ORDER

Rodosovich raised a point of order pursuant to section 124 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

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#### POINT OF ORDER

Dempsey raised a point of order pursuant to section 124 of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" relating to personalities not permitted in debate. The Speaker ruled the point of order not well taken.

Pauly and Svingum were excused for the remainder of today's session.

The question recurred on the second portion of House Resolution No. 49 as divided by Poppenhagen.

Pursuant to rule 2.5, Thiede requested that he be excused from

**Sec. 120**

**CHAPTER 13**

**DECORUM IN DEBATE**

**Sec. 120. Equality of Members in Debate**

*See also Sec. 52, Equality of Members.*

The rights and duties of members of a legislative body are derived from and founded upon the absolute equality of the members. Every member has the same right as any other member to present questions for the consideration of the house and has the same right to be heard. Members must not be permitted by their conduct to deny to others that which they may claim for themselves. It is the duty of all members to conduct themselves so as not to obstruct the like rights of other members. Freedom of speech involves obedience to all the rules of debate.

**Sec. 121. Breaches of the Order of the House**

*See also Sec. 101, Debate is Limited to the Question Before the House.*

1. An ancient rule governing debate is that "no one is to speak impertinently, or beside the question, superfluously, or tediously."

2. A member who resorts to persistent irrelevance or to persistent repetition after the attention of the house has been called to the matter may be

*Sec. 120:* Cushing's Legislative Assemblies, Sec. 373; Cushing, Sec. 36; Hughes, Sec. 686; Sturgis, p. 121.

*Sec. 121, Par. 1:* 2 Hatsell 166; Jefferson, Sec. XVII; N.Y. Manual, p. 457; Cushing's Legislative Assemblies, Secs. 1676-1700.

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**Sec. 122**

directed to discontinue the speech by the presiding officer.

3. During debate, while the presiding officer is speaking, or the house is engaged in voting, no one is to disturb another in a speech by hissing, coughing, spitting, speaking or whispering to another, nor passing between the presiding officer and the member speaking, nor crossing the floor of the house, nor walking up and down, nor taking books or papers from the desk, nor writing there.

4. If, at any time, the presiding officer rises to state a point of order, or give information, or otherwise speak within the presiding officer's privilege, the member speaking must sit down until the presiding officer has been heard.

5. The reading in the house of any letter from a person not a member or any other communication calling in question acts of members or officials of the house or being abusive is out of order and should not be permitted.

**Sec. 122. Procedure Under Call to Order**

1. If repeated calls do not produce order, the presiding officer may call any member by name, who obstinately persists in irregularity.

*Sec. 121, Par. 2:* Jefferson, Sec. XVII, quoting Scob. 31, 32; 2 Hatsell 166, 168; Sturgis, p. 125; Hughes, Sec. 734.

*Sec. 121, Par. 3:* 2 Hatsell 171; Jefferson, Sec. XVII; Cushing, Secs. 37, 211; Reed, Sec. 212; U.S. House Rule XIV, Par. 7.

*Sec. 121, Par. 4:* Cushing, Sec. 207; Hughes, Sec. 724.

*Sec. 121, Par. 5:* Hughes, Sec. 708.

*Sec. 122, Par. 1:* Jefferson, Sec. XXIV; Cushing, Secs. 40, 225; Reed, Sec. 221.

2. When called to order by the presiding officer, the member must sit down until the question of order is decided. The member may not proceed without the body's permission. The presiding officer may state the offense committed, and the member may then be heard in explanation or justification, and may be required to withdraw while the body considers whether it will take any action against the member.

3. Although in control of debate on a question of order, the presiding officer may put to a vote the question of whether a member called to order during a debate should be allowed to proceed. A member who has been called to order in debate and decided out of order loses the floor and another may be recognized. When called to order for irrelevancy, a member may proceed in order unless the question was brought to a vote and the debate found irrelevant.

**Sec. 123. Use of Disorderly Words in Debate**

1. No person may use indecent language with reference to the body or its members.  
2. When disorderly words are used by a member in debate, notice should immediately be taken of them by the member objecting, and if desiring the words to be taken down, the objecting member should repeat them exactly as that member believes them to have been spoken. If of the opinion that the words are disorderly, the presiding officer should

*Sec. 122, Par. 2:* Jefferson, Sec. XXIV; Reed, Sec. 223; Hughes, Sec. 690; Cushing, Secs. 40, 41, 228-232; Tilson, p. 47.

*Sec. 122, Par. 3:* Hughes, Sec. 693; Cushing, Sec. 214.

*Sec. 123, Par. 1:* Jefferson, Sec. XXXIII.

direct that the clerk take them down. If of the opinion that the words are not disorderly, the presiding officer may delay the order to the clerk to take down the words unless there is a demand by other members, when the presiding officer should order the clerk to take them down as stated by the objecting member, or a member may insist on the determination of the question by the house by putting the question in the form of a motion.

3. When words are taken down, they are then a part of the minutes, and when read to the offending member, that person may deny those words. When there is a dispute as to the words, before the question of disorderliness is voted upon, the presiding officer should first put the question: "Are the words written down the words spoken by the member?"

4. The question of whether the words are disorderly is then submitted to the body. If the body is satisfied that the words are not disorderly, no further proceeding is necessary. If the words are found disorderly, the member using them should be permitted to explain and apologize to the body, but if the member refuses to apologize, the presiding officer may censure the member or the body may choose to act in the case.

5. If the remarks of the member are decided to be improper, that member may not proceed if any one objects without the permission of the body ex-

*Sec. 123, Par. 2:* Jefferson, Sec. XXXV; Hughes, Sec. 709; Cushing, Secs. 227-232; Reed, Secs. 222, 223; Sturgis, p. 125.

*Sec. 123, Par. 3:* Jefferson, Sec. XXXV; Cushing, Sec. 229.

*Sec. 123, Par. 4:* Jefferson, Sec. XXXV; Hughes, Sec. 709; Cushing, Secs. 229, 230.

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pressed by a vote, upon which question no debate is allowed.

6. When a member has been called to order for disorderly words, it is usual for a motion to be made to permit the member to explain and if the explanation is satisfactory, it is in order and customary for a motion to be made and carried that the member be allowed to "proceed in order." The motion should always be that the member be permitted to "proceed in order," and not merely to "proceed."

7. The procedure here given is the established formal procedure for dealing with instances of disorderly conduct or disorderly words.

8. Improper conduct of a member can be referred to a committee for investigation and report or for action and the notoriety which comes from discussion on the floor avoided.

9. When another member has spoken or any other business has taken place since the member spoke, it is too late to take notice of any disorderly words used for the purpose of censure.

## **Sec. 124. Personalities Not Permitted in Debate**

*See also Sec. 110, Addressing Members or Presiding Officer.*

1. In debate a member must confine remarks to the question before the house, and avoid personalities.

*Sec. 123, Par. 5: Cushing, Sec. 230; Sturgis, p. 125.*

*Sec. 123, Par. 6: Hughes, Secs. 720, 721; Reed, Sec. 223.*

*Sec. 123, Par. 8: Jefferson, Sec. XXXV; Cushing, Sec. 232.*

*Sec. 124, Par. 1: Sturgis, p. 125; Tilson, p. 44.*

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## **Sec. 125**

2. A member in referring to another member should avoid using the member's name, rather identifying that member by district, seat, as the member who last spoke or by describing the member in some other manner.

3. It is not the person but the measure that is the subject of debate, and it is not allowable to arraign the motives of a member, but the nature or consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms.

## **Sec. 125. Personal Disputes Between Members**

1. Whenever there has been a dispute or an assault between members, the body may require the members to settle their differences and agree not to prosecute the disagreement further. The members may be put under restraint if they refuse to settle their differences or until they do.

2. In a dispute between members, of which the body takes official notice, both parties to the dispute should retire after being heard while the body decides what action, if any, it will take concerning the matter. It is not, however, necessary for a member objecting to disorderly words to retire unless that member is personally involved. Disorderly words to the presiding officer, or in respect to the official acts of an officer, do not involve the officer so as to require that person to retire.

*Sec. 124, Par. 2: Jefferson, Sec. XVII; Cushing, Sec. 206.*

*Sec. 124, Par. 3: Sturgis, p. 125; Hughes, Sec. 705.*

*Sec. 125, Par. 1: Jefferson, Sec. XVII.*

*Sec. 125, Par. 2: Jefferson, Sec. XVII.*

**Sec. 126. Complaints Against the Presiding Officer**

1. The presiding officer is subject to the same rules regarding disorderly words as members.
2. Complaint of the conduct of the presiding officer should be presented directly for action by the house, in which case the presiding officer should vacate the chair and call a member to preside until the matter is settled.
3. A question concerning conduct of the presiding officer should not be presented by way of debate on other matters. Allusions to, or critical reference to the presiding officer, are not in order. Such attacks are not conducive to the good order of the house.

*Sec. 126, Par. 1: Hughes, Sec. 709.*

*Sec. 126, Par. 2: Hughes, Sec. 692.*

*Sec. 126, Par. 3: Hughes, Sec. 692.*

**CHAPTER 14**

**CLOSING DEBATE**

**Sec. 130. Bringing Question to Vote**

*See also Sec. 523, Putting the Question to Vote.*

1. When the debate appears to be closed, the presiding officer should inquire, "Are you ready for the question?" If, after a reasonable pause, no one rises to claim the floor, the presiding officer may assume that no member wishes to speak, and put the question to vote.
2. Debate is not closed by the presiding officer stating the question, for until both the affirmative and negative are put, a member can rise and claim the floor and reopen the debate or make a motion, provided the member rises with reasonable promptness after the presiding officer asks, "Are you ready for the question?"
3. When the question is debatable, and no one rises to claim the floor after the question is stated by the presiding officer, the presiding officer should inquire, "Are you ready for the question?" After a moment's pause, if no one rises, the presiding officer should put the question to vote. When the question is debated or motions are made, the presiding officer should wait until the debate has apparently ceased, and should again inquire, "Are you ready for the question?" Having given ample time for any one to

*Sec. 130, Par. 1: Sturgis, p. 127; Cushing's Legislative Assemblies, Sec. 1610.*

*Sec. 130, Par. 2: Cushing's Legislative Assemblies, Sec. 1610; Sturgis, p. 127.*

## Dictionary definitions:

**Exception**... 6. Objection, demur, faultfinding; an instance of this, an objection, adverse criticism, complaint...

--from *Oxford English Dictionary*, 1961

**ex•cep•tion** \ik'sepshən... 3 a: something offered or offerable as objection or as a ground of objection or taken as objectionable...

--from *the Merriam Webster-Dictionary*, 1961

**ex•cep•tion** (ik sep shən) n...5. **take exception**, a. to make an objection; demur: *They took exception to several points of the contract.* b. to take offense: *She took exception to what I said about her brother...*

--from *the Random House Dictionary*, 1987

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--from *the American Heritage Dictionary*, 1992

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**Examples of Chamber Rules**  
**Re: Member Conduct-Language**

State	Rule Number	Text or Text Excerpt
Alabama	Senate Rule 40	Senators engaged in debate shall refrain from engaging in abusive and derogatory language in reference to other Senators and shall immediately be called to order by the presiding officer if such practice prevails. When a Senator shall be called to order by the President, he or she shall immediately sit down; however, the Senator will not lose his or her place and may resume the microphone at the direction of the presiding officer. Senators engaged in debate shall address each other by their official title and last name or reference their geographical district of representation.
	Senate Rule 71	If a Senator be called to order by a Senator for words spoken, the exceptional words shall be taken down immediately in writing by the Secretary. The presiding officer shall then judge the matter, and rule accordingly.
	House Rule 50	If any member transgresses the rules, in speaking or otherwise, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless he is allowed to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case requires it, he shall be liable to censure

State	Rule Number	Text or Text Excerpt
Arizona	Senate Rule 9	<p>...C. No Senator in debate shall, directly or indirectly, by any form of words, impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator. D. If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Senate, the Presiding Officer shall call the Senator to order; and when called to order the Senator shall sit down and not proceed without leave of the Presiding Officer or upon motion adopted by the Senate, that the Senator be allowed to proceed in order, which motion shall be determined without debate. E. If a Senator be called to order for words spoken in debate, the exceptionable words shall, upon the demand of any Senator, be taken down in writing, and read at the table for the information of the Senate.</p>
	House Rule 18	<p>A. When a member desires to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the House, or make a motion, he shall rise and address himself to the Chair, and on being recognized may address the House. He shall confine himself to the question and avoid personalities. No member shall impeach or impugn motives of any other member's argument or vote...</p>
	House Rule 19	<p>A. No member shall be permitted to indulge in personalities, use language personally offensive, arraign motives of members, charge deliberate misrepresentation or use language tending to hold a member of the House or Senate up to contempt. B. If any member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to; and they shall be taken down in writing at the Chief Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House, but he shall not be held to answer or be subject to the censure of the House therefor if further debate or other business has intervened. C. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may call him to order, in which case he shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain; and the House shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision is in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise; and, if the case requires it, he shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the House may deem proper...</p>
California	Senate Rule 36	<p>When a Senator shall be called to order he or she shall sit down until the President shall have determined whether he or she is in order or not. Every question of order shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to the Senate by any Senator. If a Senator be called to order for words spoken, the objectionable language shall immediately be taken down in writing by the Secretary of the Senate.</p>

State	Rule Number	Text or Text Excerpt
California (cont'd.)	Assembly Rule 114	If any Member transgresses the Rules of the Assembly, the Speaker shall, or any Member may, call the offending Member to order. The Member so called to order immediately shall take his or her seat, until the Speaker, without debate, has determined whether the Member is in order. That decision by the Speaker shall be subject to an appeal to the Assembly. If any Member is called to order for offensive words spoken in debate, the person calling him or her to order shall state to the Assembly the words to which exception is taken. No Member may be held to answer, or be subject to censure by the Assembly, for language used in debate if other business has been transacted by the Assembly prior to exception being taken to the words spoken.
Colorado	Senate Rule 16	... (d) (1) If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case he shall immediately sit down, and shall not speak, except in explanation, until it shall have been determined whether or not he is in order. (2) If any Senator is called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and they shall be reduced to writing by the secretary; but no Senator shall be held to answer or be subject to censure of the Senate therefor if further debate or other business has intervened after the words spoken and before exception to them shall have been made. (e) Any Senator shall have the right to protest or remonstrate against any action of the Senate, and such protest or remonstrance, with the reasons therefor, if reduced to writing, shall without alteration or delay be, with the consent of the Senate, entered in the journal if the protest or remonstrance is not personal in its nature.
Connecticut	Senate Rule 16	If a member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules and order of the Senate, the president shall, or any member may, call such member to order; and if speaking, such member shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and if a member is guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders, such member may be required by the Senate, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and until satisfaction has been made shall not be allowed to vote or speak except by way of excuse.
	House Rule 18	The speaker shall, or any member may, call to order any member who in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules and orders of the house. If speaking, the member shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and if a member is guilty of a breach of any of the rules and orders, the member may be required by the house, on motion, to make satisfaction therefor, and shall not be allowed to vote or speak except by way of excuse until such satisfaction is made.

State	Rule Number	Text or Text Excerpt
Delaware	House Rule 1.5	(a) Each member shall conduct himself or herself in a dignified manner at all times. (b) No member or other person may walk across the House Chamber, or converse privately, in such a manner as to interrupt the House proceedings. (c) A member shall not be interrupted when speaking except for the following reasons: (1) a call to order by the Speaker. (2) a point of order by a member. (3) a motion by a member to move the previous question, to adjourn, or to recess. (d) A member shall not make derogatory personal comments about or to other members.
Florida	House Rule 24	Legislative office is a trust to be performed with integrity in the public interest. A Member is respectful of the confidence placed in the Member by the other Members and by the people. By personal example and by admonition to colleagues whose behavior may threaten the honor of the lawmaking body, the Member shall watchfully guard the responsibility of office and the responsibilities and duties placed on the Member by the House. To this end, each Member shall be accountable to the House for violations of this Rule or any provision of the House Code of Conduct contained in Rules 24 through 31.
	House Rule 99	When a Member desires to speak or deliver any matter to the House, the Member shall rise and respectfully address the Speaker as "Mr. (or Madam) Speaker" and shall confine all remarks to the question under debate, avoiding personalities. Once recognized, a Member may speak from the Member's desk or may, with the Speaker's permission, speak from the well.
Hawaii	House Rule 27.3	The Speaker shall order any member who conducts himself or herself in a disorderly manner during any session of the House to stay in his or her seat and be in order. The Speaker shall order the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove any member who persists in disorderly conduct from the House for the remainder of the day's session, unless the member who has been disorderly pledges to the House that he or she will maintain a good behavior.

<b>State</b>	<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Text or Text Excerpt</b>
Illinois	Senate Rule 7-3	(c) If any Senator in speaking (or otherwise) transgresses these Senate Rules, the Presiding Officer shall, or any Senator may, call him or her to order, in which case the Senator so called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Senate, if appealed to, shall decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the Senator called to order, he or she shall be at liberty to proceed. If otherwise, and the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to the censure of the Senate. (d) If any Senator be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling him or her to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down by the Secretary. No Senator shall be held to answer or be subject to the censure of the Senate for words spoken in debate if any Senator has spoken in debate or other business has intervened after the words spoken and before exceptions to them shall have been taken.
Kentucky	House Rule 23 (Senate Rule 23 is similar)	If any member, in speech or otherwise, transgress the rules of order or decorum, he shall immediately be called to order by the chair and shall take his seat. The Clerk shall reduce the objectionable words to writing and read them to the House. After hearing a short explanation from the member called to order, or upon the withdrawal of the objectionable language, the Speaker may permit the member to proceed, or may compel silence upon him until the matter is disposed of. The ruling of the chair shall be subject to an appeal to the House. A member offending the House shall be liable to censure.
Maine	Joint Rule 304	At public hearings, the chair may limit testimony as necessary for the orderly conduct of the hearing. Members may question witnesses to clarify testimony and to elicit helpful and pertinent information. While aggressive and probing questions may sometimes be appropriate, members shall exhibit respect for the witnesses and for one another. Members shall refrain from interrogation that is argumentative, oppressive, repetitive or unnecessarily embarrassing to hearing participants.
Minnesota	House Rule 2.31	If a member is called to order for offensive words in debate, the member calling for order must report the words to which exception is taken and the Clerk must record them. A member must not be held to answer, or be subject to censure of the House, for language used in debate unless exception is taken before another member speaks or other business takes place.

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Mississippi	House Rule 20	If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may on point of order ask the Speaker to call the transgressor to order; and the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the House if appealed to, shall decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if against him and the case requires it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House, or such other punishment as the House may deem proper.
	House Rule 21	If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House; but he shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the House therefor, if further debate on other business has intervened.
Missouri	Senate Rule 78	If a senator is called to order for words spoken in debate, the senator calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing on the secretary's table, and no senator shall be held to answer, or be subject to the censure of the senate for words spoken in debate, if any other senator has spoken or business has intervened after the words spoken and before exception to them has been taken.
	House Rule 83	When any member is about to speak in a debate or deliver a matter to the House, he/she shall rise from his/her seat and respectfully address himself/herself to "Mr. Speaker" or "Madam Speaker." The member shall confine himself/herself to the questions under debate and avoid personality. If any member violates the rules of the House the Speaker, or any member, may call him/her to order. Any member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the House shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate.
Nebraska	Senate Rule 2, Sec. 9	If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him or her to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the Legislature, but he or she shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the Legislature therefore, if further debate or other business shall have intervened.

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Ohio	House Rule 46	If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the House, the Speaker shall call the offending member to order. The member so called to order shall take the member's seat immediately, unless permitted by the Speaker to explain. Any member may, by raising the point of order, call the attention of the Speaker to such transgression. Except as provided in Rule 45, the point of order shall be decided by the Speaker without debate. Every such decision of the Speaker shall be subject to appeal to the House by any two members. If a member be called to order by another member for offensive words spoken in debate, the member calling the member to order shall, if the Speaker so requires, reduce the objectionable language to writing.
Oregon	Senate Rule 6.10	(1) In speaking, a member must confine remarks to the question under debate and shall avoid personalities. A member may refer to the actions of a committee if such actions are relevant to the debate, but a member shall not impugn the motives of another member's vote or argument.
	Senate Rule 6.35	(1) If a member transgresses the rules of the Senate, the President, or any member through the President, may call the member to order. Unless permitted by the President to explain, the member called to order shall be seated immediately. (2) The member who is called to order may appeal the ruling of the President. If the Senate decides the appeal in favor of the member, the member may proceed with the debate. If the Senate decides the appeal against the member, the member may proceed "in order" or be liable to a motion of censure of the Senate.
	Senate Rule 6.40	If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member objecting shall immediately repeat the words to which objection is taken and they shall be recorded by the Journal Editor. However, if any other member has spoken or other business has intervened after the words were spoken and before the objection was made, the member shall not be held answerable or subject to censure.
Rhode Island	Senate Rule 7.4	No senator shall use profane, insulting, or abusive language in the course of public debate in the senate chamber, or in testimony before any committee of the general assembly.
	Senate Rule 9.10	No senator shall use profane, insulting or abusive language or act in any manner that interferes with the orderly conduct of the session of the senate.

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Rhode Island (cont'd.)	House Rule 14	If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses any rule of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted by the Speaker to explain and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case but without debate.
South Carolina	House Rule 1.3	If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall call him to order, or any member may call such transgressions to the attention of the Speaker who shall call the transgressor to order. If repeated cries of order are ineffective, the Speaker may call a member by name, and if the Speaker deems it necessary, he shall state the offense committed. The member may be heard in his exculpation and shall withdraw, and the House shall consider his punishment or any further proceedings to be had.
	House Rule 3.6	Every member, when about to speak, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker" and shall avoid disrespect to the House or the Senate and all personalities, observe decency of speech, and shall confine himself to the question under consideration.
Texas	House Rule 5, Sec. 33	If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the house, the speaker shall, or any member may, call the member to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately be seated; however, that member may move for an appeal to the house, and if appeal is duly seconded by 10 members, the matter shall be submitted to the house for decision by majority vote. In such cases, the speaker shall not be required to relinquish the chair, as is required in cases of appeals from the speaker's decisions. The house shall, if appealed to, decide the matter without debate. If the decision is in favor of the member called to order, the member shall be at liberty to proceed; but if the decision is against the member, he or she shall not be allowed to proceed, and, if the case requires it, shall be liable to the censure of the house, or such other punishment as the house may consider proper.
Virginia	Senate Rule 39	No Senator or other person shall give audible expression to his or her approval or disapproval of any proceeding before the Senate.
	Senate Rule 40	If words are spoken in debate that give offense, exception thereto shall be taken the same day, and be stated in writing; and in such case, if the words are decided by the presiding officer, or by the Senate, upon an appeal, to be offensive, and they are not explained or retracted by the Senator who uttered them, he shall be subject to such action as the Senate may deem necessary.

<b>State</b>	<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Text or Text Excerpt</b>
Virginia (cont'd.)	House Rule 58	If any member, in speaking, transgress the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member called to order shall immediately take his seat, unless permitted to explain. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be final. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; otherwise, he shall not proceed, except by leave of the House. For frequent or repeated violations of order, especially if persisted in after the admonition of the Speaker, a member shall be liable to the censure of the House.
West Virginia	House Rule 32	When a member is about to speak in debate or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise in his place and respectfully address the presiding officer as "Mr. Speaker," and, upon being recognized, shall proceed, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous or disrespectful language.
	House Rule 36	If a member be called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to and they shall be taken down at the Clerk's table. And no member shall be held to answer, or be subjected to the censure of the House, for words spoken in debate, if any other member has spoken or other business has intervened after the words were spoken and before the exception to them was taken.
Wisconsin	Senate Rule 58	Any member called to order shall sit down, and shall not speak, except in explanation, until it shall have been determined whether or not the member was in order. When a member is called to order for words spoken, the exceptional words shall be taken down in writing to better enable the president to judge whether they are in violation of the rules.
	Assembly Rule 58	(1) During debate, a member may question the orderliness of the remarks made by another member or whether the other member, in the manner of discussion or conduct, has violated the rules of the assembly. (2) When the presiding officer calls a member to order, that member shall not speak, except in explanation, until it is determined whether or not the member is in order. (3) When a member is called to order for the use of improper or disorderly language, the specific words to which exception has been taken shall be put in writing, thus enabling the presiding officer better to be able to judge whether the words spoken were in violation of the rules.

<b>State</b>	<b>Rule Number</b>	<b>Text or Text Excerpt</b>
Wyoming	House Rule 16-1	When a member is interrupted and called to order by the presiding officer for digressing from the question, exceeding a time limit, using improper language, speaking without recognition by the chair or wrongfully excluding others who wish to speak, he shall cease speaking and be seated at once until it is determined whether he is in order, except he may be permitted to explain his position when asked to do so.

Source: Search of NCSL's rules and procedures data base, March 2000.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

1988 Representative statements made outside of Chamber considered prejudice.  
House Resolution 3 to reprimand and censure.

1980 Representative statements outside of Chamber considered racist

Poll of other  
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**Debate Decorum**

A request for information on debate decorum was posted to the electronic discussion group of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries in March 2000. The original questions were:

1. Must a challenge or protest to language used or words spoken by a member during debate on the floor occur within a set time frame?
2. Has your chamber ever disciplined or censured a member for language used or words spoken during debate on the floor?
3. What was the member's "punishment?"

Shown below are the responses.

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**Arizona. House.** If any member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling the other member to order shall repeat the words excepted to; and they shall be taken down in writing at the Chief Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House; but the member shall not be held to answer or be subject to the censure of the House if further debate or other business has intervened. House Rule 19 B. When heated words are exchanged in debate or otherwise, the member speaking apologizes to the other member and to the House. No one has been censured or subjected to any other punishment as the House deems appropriate for at least twenty-five years.

**Arkansas. Senate.** The Senate rules state: 9.06 If any member in speaking or otherwise transgresses the Rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call him to order, in which case he shall immediately sit down unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the Senate shall, if appealed to, decide on the case without debate. If the decision is in favor of the member called to order he shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise, and, if the case requires it, he shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the Senate may deem proper.

9.07 If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Secretary's desk and read aloud to the Senate; but he shall not be held to answer, nor by such other censure of the Senate, therefore, if further debate or other business has intervened

**Colorado. Senate.** The Colorado Senate rules read as follows: "(2) If any Senator is called to order for words spoken in debate, the person calling him to order shall repeat the words excepted to, and they shall be reduced to writing by the secretary; but no Senator shall be held to answer or be subject to censure of the Senate therefor if further debate or other business has intervened after the words spoken and before exception to them shall have been made." I don't ever recall this rule being used. In most cases, the presiding officer (President, pro tem or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole) will intervene if members start getting personal. This has happened when emotions are running high and, when it does, the presiding officer just asks the members to keep their remarks to the topic at hand. Usually, that ends the problem.

**Idaho. Senate.** "If a Senator is called to order for words spoken, the exceptional words spoken shall be immediately reduced to writing by the Secretary and if the ruling is final (no appeal or appeal unsuccessful), the Senator called to order shall yield the floor and speak no further if on a matter of privilege nor until all others have had an opportunity to speak if on a question before the Senate." We have never censored anyone that I can remember. If someone gets their feelings hurt, they might object, and the President will remind everyone of the Rule, but it usually doesn't amount to more than an apology given on the floor.

**Nevada. Senate.** If any Senator is called to order for offensive or indecorous language or conduct, the person calling him/her to order shall report the offensive/indecorous language/conduct to the presiding officer. No member may be held to answer for any language used on the floor of the Senate if business has intervened before exception to the language was taken. In cases of breaches of decorum or propriety, any Senator, officer or other person is liable to such censure or punishment as the Senate may deem proper. In 1997, a Senator made serious allegations that the amendment process of the Senate was being influenced by nonmembers of the body. In essence, he stated that the process was being manipulated by staff and other influences because of who he was and for what he believed. The Majority Leader responded immediately by stating: the nature of the Senator's remarks impugned the integrity of the Senate. The Majority Leader requested the Senator to be either specific about his allegations or apologize. Two days later, the Senator offered a public apology on the floor.

**Assembly.** Nevada Assembly Standing Rule No. 20 states: "If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Assembly, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain: and if called to order by a member, such member shall immediately state the point of order." At this time the point of order must sustained/not sustained. Following that we would use Masons. I have not heard of any problem having ever occurred in the Assembly.

**Ohio. Senate.** In the Ohio Senate, objection to the offending language would have to occur immediately. If the member is ruled out of order by the President, he or she would be required sit down and would not be permitted to continue speaking without leave of the Senate. This has not happened in the last 15 years. The relevant rules follow.

Rule 68. (How Often Senator May Speak.) No senator shall speak more than twice on the same question except by leave of the Senate or responding to the floor; and the senator speaking shall confine the speech to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

Rule 73. (Senator May Be Called to Order.) If any senator, in speaking or otherwise, is transgressing the Rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any member may, call the senator to order; and the senator called to order shall take the senator's seat until the question of order is decided.

**Rule 74. (If Called to Order.)** If the decision be in favor of a senator called to order, the senator shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, the senator shall not be permitted to proceed without further leave of the Senate.

**Oregon. Senate.** Oregon's Senate Rules state: "If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member objecting shall immediately repeat the words to which objection is taken and they shall be recorded by the Journal Editor. However, if any other member has spoken or other business has intervened after the words were spoken and before the objection was made, the member shall not be held answerable or subject to censure." Last session one member seemed to "offend" members of his own caucus on a routine basis. Fortunately, our current Senate President is a peace-maker, so he was able to mediate successfully. Although, it took a lot of time away from the business of the Senate.

**Pennsylvania. Senate.** There have only been a couple of times in my tenure when offensive language was used in debate. Exception to the debate must be immediate. We do have the elaborate procedure of taking down the words, etc. and proceeding to discipline as the Senate might order but we have never used this procedure. In the past, when objection was heard, we immediately put the Senate at ease. The Member offering the offensive remarks is called to the front desk along with the floor leaders. After a private tete a tete, the Member is usually convinced to offer an apology to the Senate and any offended Members. We then entertain a motion to expunge the offensive remarks from the Journal and records of the Senate. However, the apology remains in the Journal.

**Texas. Senate.** Senate Rule 4.07 provides: "Whenever a member is called to order by the President of the Senate or by the presiding officer then the chair and such member fails to sit down and be in order but continues disorderly, it shall be the duty of the sergeant-at-arms and/or the sergeant's assistants upon the direction of the presiding officer to require such recalcitrant member to take his or her seat and be in order. Any member who persists in disorderly conduct after being warned by the presiding officer may, by motion duly made and carried by two-thirds vote of the members present, be required to purge himself or herself of such misconduct. Until such member has purged himself or herself of such misconduct, the member shall not be entitled to the privileges of the floor." Our members are such good ladies and gentlemen, there have been no instances of removal in many years.

**Utah. Senate.** In Utah, Senate Rule 22.06 states: "If a senator is called to order for words spoken in debate, the senator making the call shall repeat the words to which exception is taken and the words shall be recorded by the Minute Clerk. If called to order, the senator shall sit down, unless granted permission to explain. A senator may not be called to order or censured for words spoken in debate if there has been intervening business. During my tenure (7 years), no senator has ever been disciplined or censured for words spoken during a floor debate.

**Washington. Senate.** Normally the point of order is raised immediately, and the sanction is a caution to the offending speaker. If it's flagrant enough, the offender would be required to cease speaking. Or, in truly bad cases, the body could impose reprimand, censure, or expulsion. I'm not aware of any of these. As to the timing, it's not entirely clear, but since we follow Reed's Rules, they suggest that the point has to be made "as soon as possible," so I don't think any significant passage of time would be allowed. We did have an incident last year where a senator's remarks were found offensive by certain House members, and the senator made an apology on a point of personal privilege the following day. Our experience has been consistent with this comment from Reed's Rule 226: "It almost always happens, when attention is called to the unsuitable nature of the words used by the member, or the acts performed by him that he makes such an explanation or retraction as enables the assembly to excuse him and go on with its business."

**West Virginia.** *House.* The West Virginia House has censured for words spoken in debate. The words excepted to must be repeated by the person taking exception to them, and they are to be taken down at the Clerk's desk to be read back to the House by the Clerk. The House may take whatever course of "punishment" it desires, from a slap on the hand to expulsion for the remainder of the day's session.

**Wisconsin.** *Senate.* The only thing I have is what is stated in Mason's, Section 123, (9). When another member has spoken or any other business has taken place since the member spoke, it is too late to take notice of any disorderly words used for the purpose of censure.

**Minnesota House of Representatives  
Tape Proceedings House Floor Session  
February 23, 2000**

Begin Tape Counter 3186

Representative Michael Paymar:

I'm a little surprised at the Majority Leader for bringing this change of rules to this body today. This is a short legislative session. We have pressing items that we should be debating. And now this is the second time that members of your caucus have brought this to the body to consume more time, more energy, talking about what kind of prayer we should have to start each session. Rep. Leppik, I thought gave a really a beautiful speech last time this was brought up, explaining the reason and the purpose for the language that we currently have in rules, that allows for non-denominational prayer that respects the religious diversity of the House. And how anyone could support the notion of deleting, striking that language out of the rules that respects the religious diversity of the House is beyond me. So not only am I concerned about the time that this is going to take away from the busy work when we should have been doing Minnesota's work, but I'm concerned about the intent behind it. Because it was only last year. Mr. Speaker, I can't hear... It was only last year, Mr. Speaker and Members that I remember Rep. Lindner getting up before the House and saying to this body that the Christian religion is the majority in this House, that the Christian religion is the majority of this House so why can't we have the kind of prayers we want in this body? Now is that your intent? I know that that is not in your heart to be disrespectful of those members who aren't Christians, Rep. Lindner and others who are going to support this rule change, but it is disrespectful. It is highly disrespectful. You are imposing your own religious beliefs on the rest of this body and the minority members here. Minority religious members here, in my view. I know that's not in your hearts and I know what your intent is, but I have expressed to you before how this makes certain members feel who are not Christians. Now I know that some of you have Christian prayers throughout the week. I get them on my e-mail. You invite people to your fellowships. Fine, do it. Do it whenever you want. Do it before Session starts if you feel like you want to have prayer before the House starts its deliberations. But I would like to be part of that moment where a religious leader gets up before us and has a prayer. But I would like that to be non-denominational and I would like it to be respectful of who I am. And I think this is disrespectful. I would hope the body would reject the Majority Leader's position, we vote down this rule change.

Tape Counter 3372

Representative Arlon Lindner:

Rep. Paymar, I don't know for sure what you're talking about. If you're talking about wasting time, did you sit there and listen to Rep. Kahn waste all that time just a few minutes ago? I think prayer is very important. You know we're told there's one God and one mediator between God and man. The man Christ Jesus. And most of us here are Christians. And we shouldn't be left, not able to pray in the name of our God when we have an opportunity to pray. That's disrespectful of the Majority's rights. Now if you don't want to be here for prayer, as the Speaker has said before, this isn't mandatory, the prayer happens before session begins. And I don't know why you're looking at me all this time, you know while you're talking. I'm very happy this is coming back up and I think all we're doing is putting the order of the day, the order

for prayer and the way we do prayer back like it was for hundreds of years before this session. And if you don't like it, you may have to like it. Or just don't come. I don't come sometimes for some prayers here. There's some groups that pray in here that I stay out of the room. We have that privilege. And you need to exercise it. But don't impose your irreligious left views on me.

Tape Counter 3454

Representative Barb Haake:

Members, I don't know about the rest of you, but I really don't care what God everybody prays to. They're all praying to one God. And as far as I'm concerned, I need all the help I can get. I really appreciate the prayers from everybody's God. Thank you.

Tape Counter 3473

Representative Betty McCollum:

Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members. I'm going to vote against it for a couple of reasons. The paramount one is that the two times this has been discussed on the floor, it was within the way the Rules of the House are adopted. And its more than a simple majority. And I voted against this amendment in the Rule Committee. What we've done here is we've said, 'OK, there's a majority who would like the prayer to be conducted in a certain way. And we can't win when it's a simple majority. So we'll amend the rules going through the rules committee, where simple majority can win.' And the reason why we have a higher standard for adopting the rules as we do in the first weeks of session, is so that the minority is heard. And we lost that in the way that the rules are adopted. And that's why I voted against it in the rules committee. I'm very concerned about the tenor of discussion. I'm a Christian, I'm a Catholic. And I'm not here trying to out-Christian anybody else. And when I want to pray a Catholic Creed, I do it at church. And I enjoy the fellowship of the many denominations in this hall. And I enjoy the fellowship of praying together when everybody feels included. And the comments just don't come. Well, you know, if you just don't come for the prayer, you just don't get to say the Pledge of Allegiance either. Because the doors are closed for that. So Members, I would encourage you not to vote for this amendment. And Rep. Paymar, one of my favorite religious songs is, "They know we are Christians by our Love".

Tape Counter 3570

Representative Matt Entenza:

Mr. Speaker I think the issue today is whether or not we're going to show the respect that the present rule has. And Rep. Lindner, I hope that perhaps you want to rethink the last remark that you made. We have members in this body who come from different religious traditions. And to suggest that someone who comes from the Jewish tradition, a tradition that we should all certainly honor, that somehow is an irreligious one, suggests to me that it is very important to vote against this motion from the rules committee.

Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Mr. Speaker will Rep. Lindner yield to a question? Did I hear you say, 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' Is that your quote to Rep. Paymar? Mr. Speaker, apparently I'm not speaking loudly enough. Rep. Lindner, did you say 'Don't impose your irreligious views on me?' to Rep. Paymar?

Tape Counter 3587

Representative Arlon Lindner:

It was something like that.

Tape Counter 3580

Representative Wes Skoglund:

Well, Mr. Speaker, I'm embarrassed, quite frankly for what Rep. Lindner said. And as a Christian, who does Bible devotions almost every night with his family, I apologize to you, because most of us don't feel that way, Rep. Paymar. I apologize, I'm embarrassed on behalf of we Christians.

TAPE: 1COMMITTEE: Mod Hill Stat Leg SessionSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: J - Day 51SIDE: ACHAIR: Spi Storer AdleggumPAGE: 1DATE: April 26, 1999

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Sp. Adleggum - House comes to Order

- Prayer — Chaplain for today Fannie Fittes
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Clerk takes roll
  - Clerk closes roll
  - Clerk reads Journal of preceding day.
  - (Rep Anderson) motion pending be suspended - motion prevails
  - Reports of Standing Committee - reports adopted
  - 2nd reading House files
  - Intro to bills -
  - 1st reading HJ 2418 - 2423
  - Messages from Senate HJ 1905 (Recurrence)
  - Rep Seifert - explanation HJ 1905
  - HJ 1905 - motion prevails (Sp. Adleggum)
  - HJ 1905 - reading
  - Clerk closes roll
- Note:

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COMMITTEE: Mark H.P. Stat Leg Session

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- HF 2380 - reading

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- Rep Leppik - HF 2380 - explanation

1436

- Vote - Motion prevails
- CC: HF 15 - Refuse to concur

1455

- Rep Clark - Pt of Procedure
- Rep Kielbucki - HF 15 - explanation - Refuse to concur
- Rep Fallard - HF 15 - Concur with Senate - Votes no on refusal

1520

- Rep Oskapp - Refuse to concur
- Rep Gablaski - Refuse to concur

1660

- Rep Johnson - Vote to refuse to concur

1708

- Rep Kielbucki - Rep. roll call - 15 hands

1716

- Clark takes roll
- Clark closes roll.

1748

Note: Year 117 May 13  
Motion prevails

1780

- HF 202 - Accede to Request from exec committee

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- Rep Goodnow - Language problem - HF 1202

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- Vote - motion prevails
- SF 383 - Abeler -  
accede to conf com
- Rep Abeler - SF 383 -  
Rep conf committee
- Rep Carruthers - Helpful  
to know what bill am, Sen etc
- Sp Stigmann - Let members  
know what bill in #
- Vote - motion prevails
- SF 2221 - Peals -  
accede to conf com
- Rep Brocker - SF 2221 -  
wishes to go to conf
- Vote - motion prevails
- Fiscal calendar - HF  
3333 for immediate consideration
- OC reports bill 3333
- Rep Seager - HF 3333 -  
explanation of article -  
author's amendment offical
- OC - Government reading
- Rep Seager - government  
explanation - clarifying  
proj study etc (# 19-12)
- Rep Paulinoff - Rep to be  
excused from other bills'  
discussion - HF 3333 -  
conflict of interest.

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## LOG:

2784

- Rep. Broadbaw - amendment adopted

2736

- Rep. Tomazanni -

2732

- Rep. Mc Gregor - amendment dealing supplemental education

2710

- Rep. Seager - accepts Mc Gregor amendment

2672

- Mr. Elroy's amendment adopted

2656

- Rep. Leppek - R.R. 5

2555

- DC: Opatz moves to amend Leppek amendment

2540

- Rep. Opatz - amendment to amendment (opposition)

2504

- Rep. Lough - Rep. Hall call - 13 hands

2443

- Rep. Reuter - Rep. Opatz yields

2432

- Rep. Opatz - addresses fundamental language.

2412

- Rep. Reuter - Rep. Leppek yields -

2312

- Rep. Leppek -

2311

- Rep. Johnson - interrupted

2132

- Rep. Reuter -

TAPE: 1COMMITTEE: Mark H. ShafferSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: 51st Dist.CHAIR: Rep. Stiles AllegoodSIDE: BPAGE: 5DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

20462002196419191833199417251704159915871474141913401302

LOG:

- Rep Opatz - De. amendment
- Rep Seifert - Vote down
- Rep Vizzaccari - Vote yes
- Rep Leppik -
- Clerk will take roll  
(Opatz amend to Leppik amend)
- Clerk closer roll
- Vote: Year 60 May 10  
Motion does not prevail
- (Opatz amend to Leppik amend)
- Rep Entenza - Rep roll
- roll - 13 hands
- Clerk will take roll
- Clerk closer roll
- Vote: Year 80 May 17  
Amendment A8-5 passes.) -
- Leppik amend to H7 2333
- PC: A7-4 amendment - fails
- Rep Kielbucki - opposition to amendment
- Rep Entenza - Rep fails
- Kielbucki amendment
- Rep MacC2 - big roll
- roll - 15 hands
- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closer roll
- Vote: Year 138 May 20  
A7-4 Amendment is
- adopted to H7 2333

TAPE: 112

COMMITTEE: Joint H/C & Legal Session

START TIME: 2:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: 5th Day)

CHAIR: Rep. Stoltz, Leggeman

SIDE: B1A

PAGE: 6

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REVOLUTIONS:

1370

LOG:

- Rep. Ness - deferring amendment to H42333
- Rep. Entenza - amendment A1-10 - explanation - to H42333 - roll call vote - 15 hands
- Rep. Haas - large vote no
- Rep. Seagren - vote against Rep. Entenza amendment.
- Rep. Carlson - speaks for Entenza amendment
- Rep. Bjornat
- Rep. Peterson - vote for
- Rep. Seagren - vote against
- Rep. Johnson - vote to reinsert dates
- Rep. Myres -
- Rep. Griebing - supports Entenza amendment
- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk calls 4000
- Vote: Jean 12 Pick 67  
Amendment A1-10 is not adopted
- Rep. Timmle - first of procedure)
- Rep. Ness Amendment A280 - Clerk reads

TAPE: 2COMMITTEE: Mark UK Slab Leg CommitteeSTART TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: ACHAIR: Jerry Stedje-SkjegnumPAGE: 7DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

0684077808100848086408800958103012341300133813961412214156151216501638

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## LOG:

- Rep Ness - amendment A 280 explanation
  - Rep Solberg - Rep Ness yields
  - Rep Ness
  - Motion adopted
  - Opatz amendment <sup>A 278</sup> reading (cc)
  - Rep Opatz - application of amendment A 278
  - Rep Seagren - supports Opatz amendment
  - Rep Freiling - give green date requests roll call - 15 hands
  - Rep Carlson - defeat this amendment  
= vote no
  - Rep Seifert - Rep Opatz yields
  - Rep Opatz -
  - Rep Seifert
  - Rep Opatz
  - Rep Seifert - 2nd vote
  - Rep Entenza
  - Rep Johnson - 3rd down
  - Clerk takes roll
  - Clerk closes roll
- Note; Page 5 Page 124  
A 278 amendment not adopted.  
(172333)
- CC - Rep Hollard amendment  
- Reels

TAPE: 2

COMMITTEE: Max H. St. Leg. Session

START TIME: 12:00PM

DIVISION/SUBC: Stat Day

CHAIR: Sgt. Steve Moggum

SIDE: A

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REVOLUTIONS:

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LOG:

\* Rep Follard - Call of House  
- 10 hands

\* Clerk takes roll.

\* Clerk closes roll.

Note: Yes No

\* Rep Adams - Sergeant brings  
in absent members.

\* Rep Follard - School  
Safety amendment.

\* Roll call requested - Rep Follard

\* Rep Goodno - Rep Follard yields

\* Rep Follard -

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Follard

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Follard

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Follard

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Follard - Rep Follard yields

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Follard

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Follard

\* Rep Goodno

\* Rep Payman - vote for

TAPE: 2COMMITTEE: Mar HK Stat Leg SessionSTART TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - 51st DayCHAIR: Sp. State SelegumSIDE: A/BPAGE: 9DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

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LOG:

- Rep Seifert -
- Rep Folliland - yields
- Rep Mores - ~~Yea~~ ~~Nay~~ ~~Yea~~  
Advice to speaker
- Rep Chaudhary - advice to the speaker
- Rep Estanga - ~~safe~~ Selegum -  
Pt of order not well taken.
- Rep Mores
- Rep Folliland
- Clerk - reads Kielbacki  
amendment to amendment
- Rep Kielbacki
- Rep Davids - supports
- Rep Estanga - agrees will call
- Rep McCullum -
- Rep Seagren - vote against
- CC takes roll
- CC closes roll
- issue: ~~gives to the 45 day rule~~ ~~4667~~  
amendment to the amendment
- R.O. and 2nd C.
- Rep Haas
- Rep Kielbacki
- Rep Iskoff
- Rep Folliland
- Rep L. (sp?)
- Rep Tuma

TAPE: 2

START TIME: 13:00 26 Apr

COMMITTEE: Rep HP 1st Leg Session

DIVISION/SUBC: 7 51st Dapp

CHAIR: Rep Steve Adiguzer

SIDE: B

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REVOLUTIONS:

2784

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LOG:

• Rep Push

• Rep Turn yields

• Rep Push

• Rep Skoglund

• Rep Ozment

• Rep Solberg

• Rep Folliland

• Rep Haas

• Rep Folliland

• Rep Seager

• CC takes roll

• CC closes roll

vote yays 62 nays 70

Amendment A14 second portion -

not adopted

• Rep Folliland withdraws amendment

• Rep Mulder - A282

• Rep Seager

• amendment adopted

A9-11 Rep Cassell

• Rep Cassell

• Rep Endresen

• Rep Endresen - want scroll

• Rep Endresen

• Rep Cassell

• Rep Endresen

• Rep Cassell

• Rep Endresen

TAPE: 2/3

COMMITTEE: Mon HP Stat Leg Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: - Stat Day

SIDE: BPA

CHAIR: Rep Steele, Steagans

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REVOLUTIONS:

1884

LOG:

1870

• Rep Cassell

1775

• Rep Entenza

1749

• Rep Caselli

1672

• Rep Seagars

1631

• Rep Entenza

1598

• Rep Ness

1497

• Rep Dempsey

1477

• Rep Brieling

1417

• Rep Cassell yields

1313

• Rep Brieling

1291

• Rep Cassell

1264

• amendment ad cont.

1252

CC - A223

1201

• Rep Ruden - agrees w/ bill call

1089

CC takes roll

1053

votes yeas 113 nays 18

1032

amendment A223 adopted

1044

CC - Tommasoni amendment 1994-1585

1015

clip Tommasoni - agrees w/ bill

9857

• Rep Tommasoni

9854

• Rep Tommasoni

9177

• Rep Ness

8163

• Rep Donn

7325

• Rep Brieling

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• Rep Whit

CC takes roll

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COMMITTEE:

START TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: - 51st DayCHAIR: Rep Steele, Diggler, Jr.SIDE: APAGE: 121

REVOLUTIONS:

052305070572062507780789084008991046104711741246134514391536154116691717.117.171845187718751914

LOG:

check closer roll

vote year 66 now 66

amendment H99-0585 not adopted

members be

• Rep Malmark - requests excused from voting

• Rep Olson - H9-15 - requests roll call

• Rep Johnson - requests division of res #8, 9

• Rep Johnson - moves division

• Rep Goodloe

• Rep Johnson - moves division

• Rep Olson - supports 1<sup>st</sup> mit

• Rep Grubing

• Rep Olson

• Rep Grubing

• Rep Olson

• Rep McCallum

• Rep Olson

• Rep McCallum

• Rep Seeger

• Rep Johnson

• Rep Grubing - remains

• Rep Johnson - advice for speaker

• Rep Seeger - advice for speaker

• Rep Grubing - advice for speaker

CC talk roll

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE: INTER 3rd Year Session

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: Si 1st day

CHAIR: Rep Seager

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DATE: 4-26-97

REVOLUTIONS:

1974

LOG:

CC closes roll

vote year 103 nays 28  
- adopted -  
amendment A9-15 2nd option motion prevails

2015

CC adopts amendment A11

2022

\* Rep Entenza - A11

2194

\* Rep Seager

2292

\* Rep Entenza

2318

\* Rep Seager

2374

\* Rep Carlson

2460

\* Rep Entenza - amendment correction  
(edit)

correction has been incorporated

\* Rep Abeler

\* CC takes the roll

2819

CC closes roll

votes year 65 nays 66

amendment A-11 - not adopted

3009

CC reads amendment A99-0584

\* Rep Briefing - arguments will call

\* Rep Witt

\* Rep Abeler

\* Rep Entenza

\* Rep Witt

CC takes roll

CC closes roll

vote year 62 nays 71

amendment A99-0584 not adopted

\* Rep Schumacher A99-0583

\* Rep Tuma - not remained

TAPE: 3COMMITTEE: MTA HR 81st Leg SessionSTART TIME: 11:00 AMDIVISION/SUBC: 51st daySIDE: A/BCHAIR: Sgt Steve SnigumPAGE: 14DATE: 4-26-99

REVOLUTIONS:

3397343034633490352435353559354034773370331532743184307730483132291829742952

LOG:

- Rep Entenza - advice for speaker
- Rep McElroy - advice for speaker
- Rep Entenza - advice
- Rep Tuma -
- Rep Solberg - advice for speaker
  
- Rep McElroy - advice for speaker
- Rep Schumer - advice speaker
- Rep Pugh - advice
- Rep Knoblauch - advice
- Rep Boston -
- Rep Pugh
- Rep Bishop - Advice
- Rep Entenza - Advice
- Rep Abrams - Rule 4-A3,  
HR #1, Q99-0583 point  
of order)
- Rep Schumacher - Appeals  
ruling of speaker - requests  
roll call vote
- Rep Abrams
- Clerk will take roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Date: Tues 7/3 May 58
- Clerk will call absent  
members
- Rep Pugh - Those not  
voting be excused -
- Rep Abrams - motion  
does not prevail - Clerk  
continues to call absent  
members.
- P. Abram - P. L. in at. basket, 4 bld.

TAPE: 3

COMMITTEE: Non Rep Slct Leg Session -

START TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Day

CHAIR: Rep. Steve Siggman

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REVOLUTIONS:

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1832

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LOG:

- OC: Biennat amendment
- Rep Biennat - A1-15  
Amendment - motion  
does not prevail -  
amendment is not adopted
- OC: Tagenius amendment - yields
- Rep Tagenius -  
roll call vote - 15 hands
- Amendment A-5
- Rep Krinkel - Rep Tagenius  
yields
- Rep Tagenius -  
Rep Krinkel - Rep Tagenius  
yields
- Rep Tagenius
- Rep Krinkel
- Rep Tagenius
- Rep Krinkel
- Rep Myles
- Rep Johnson
- Rep Gleason - vote against
- Rep Butterfield - liable to  
issue
- Rep Tagenius
- Rep Bassamp
- Rep Scagrin - vote against
- Rep McCollum - vote for
- Rep Tagenius

TAPE: 3COMMITTEE: MLA HP Stat Log SessionSTART TIME: 13:00 hrsDIVISION/SUBC: 51st DaySIDE: BCHAIR: Sp. Stude, Side A downPAGE: 16DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

17041588155815441533146814411418139912471186091218450830082605000478046004440321

LOG:

- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Date: Year 65 May 26
- Amendment A-5 is not adopted.
- CC: Rep Johnson amendment
- Rep Johnson - 099-0582
- Rep Seifert - Rule 403, Subd #6
- Rep Johnson - Advice
- 4.03 pg 17, 18
- Rep Seifert
- Rep Falberg - Advice -
- 4.03 in entirety (read)
- Rep McElroy - Advice
- Rep Tuma - Advice
- Rep Entenza - Advice
- Rep Mariani-Tosa - Advice
- Sp. Stude -
- Rep Mariani-Tosa - Advice
- Rep Bishop - Advice - pg 17
- Rep Falberg - Advice
- Sp. Stude -
- Rep Falberg
- Rep Pugh - Advice
- Sp. Stude - Rules
- Sp. Stude pt-of-order is well taken.

TAPE: 3/4COMMITTEE: House Rep. Select Committee on Term LimitsSTART TIME: 12:00 PM DIVISION/SUBC: - 51st DayCHAIR: Rep. Steve StockmanSIDE: B/CPAGE: 17DATE: April 20, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

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- Rep Johnson Rep roll call vote
- Rep Johnson - Appeal to 4.03 rule
- Rep Estenzo - Rep. state pt of order shld not be will taken - advice
- Rep Turner - advice
- Rep Stockman - Shall Speaker's ruling prevail?
- Rep Skoglund
- Rep McElroy - Advice - uphold ruling of Speaker
- Rep Folberg - Advice -
- Rep Bishop - Advice - Spec Recomme H.R. (amendment offered has to come from Spec Recomme.)
- Rep Stockman
- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Date: Year 68 May 61
- Rep Obamas - 2nd - those absent plus 15 min - motion carried.
- Speaker's ruling sustained
- Rep Berman
- Rep Berman - Rep. Amendment - explanation - roll call 109 - 15 hands

TAPE: 4

COMMITTEE: House Committee on Energy

START TIME: 12:00 P.M. DIVISION/SUBC: - 51st Day

CHAIR: Rep. Clark, Michigan

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REVOLUTIONS:

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LOG:

- Rep Seagren - Vote against amendment A2-9
- Clark takes roll
- Clark closes roll
- Vote: Yeas 55 Nays 44
- Rep Seifert makes absent members be excused
- Motion does not prevail
- Amendment is not adopted
- CC: ~~Rep O'Tromba~~ amendment
- Rep O'Tromba - A2-Amendment  
Rep roll call - 15 hands
- Rep Seagren - could add to bill - supports
- Rep Mariani - Pass - bad amendment
- Rep Carruthers - Rep O'Tromba yields
- Rep O'Tromba -
- Rep Carruthers 2
- Rep O'Tromba
- Rep Carruthers 3
- Rep O'Tromba
- Rep Clark - Rep O'Tromba  
yields - pass to amendment
- Rep O'Tromba
- Rep Clark
- Rep O'Tromba

TAPE: 4COMMITTEE: Rep HR Select CommitteeSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: 51st DayCHAIR: Rep Strike SchleggumSIDE: ADATE: April 26, 1999PAGE: 19

REVOLUTIONS:

19552008205021302114216621792243237023842300235524082416246224622549260426382718

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LOG:

- Rep Skoglund -
- Rep O'Toombra -
- Rep Schleggum: Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Vote: Yeas 82 Nays 46
- Amendment A2-S is adopted.
- Rep Abrams moves those absent to be excused from voting - carried.
- DC - Filing amendment
- Rep Freling - Rep. roll call - amendment A300
- Rep Bishop - Rep. Freling voted
- Rep Freling
- Rep Bishop - Rep. Abram - yields
- Rep Abrams
- Rep Bishop
- Rep Abrams
- Rep Freling -
- Rep Knutback - File A.C. - Notice - pt of order -
- Rep. Freling - Notice
- Rep. Saiberg - Notice
- Rep Abrams -
- Rep. Saiberg - Notice
- Rep. Tomassoni - Notice
- Rep. Schleggum - Rules point of order well taken)

TAPE: 4COMMITTEE: House Committee on EnergySTART TIME: 13:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: aCHAIR: Rep. Steve DiggansPAGE: 20DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

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## LOG:

- Rep. Keeling - Appeals
- Ruling of Speaker -
- Report roll call
- Rep. Brown moves to lay on table appeal - roll call reg
- Rep. Fligh - Parliamentary inquiry
- Dr. Diggans - Motion on Table, not debatable.
- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes' roll
- Vote: Yes 68 Nay 62
- Rep appeal on table -
- CC: Biernat amendment
- Rep Biernat - Cr. al
- amendment to Q5-11
- Rep. Seeger) - no prob in accepting amendment
- Rep Chasty - language
- Rep Biernat -
- Rep Chasty - v. st. against
- Rep Ness - Rep Biernat yields
- Rep Biernat -
- Rep Ness
- Rep Biernat -
- Rep Ness
- Rep Biernat -

TAPE: 4COMMITTEE: House Committee on Legal AffairsSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: - 51st DaySIDE: ACHAIR: Sp. Steve Diggs (R)PAGE: 21DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

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LOG:

- Rep. Morez - supports amendment
- Rep. Biernat -
- Biernat A5-11 - amendment motion prevails - amendment adopted
- C.C. - Horn Amendment 270  
Rep. Horn amendment -  
Motion prevails - amendment adopted
- Rep. Ross - encourages red vote
- Rep. Darr
- Sp. Diggs (R) - Motion prevails - amendment adopted - division requested

Tape 4, Side B

- Del. Yea, 14 Nay - Motion ~~does not prevail~~, <sup>Amendment</sup> not adopted
- Rep. ~~Franklin~~ - Franklin, Biernat, Bier
- Rep. Trumbo - Pt of Per-Prec
- Rep. Mandell
- Rep. Kahl and ~~Franklin~~, Bier
- Rep. Del. - Franklin
- Rep. Kahl - Franklin
- Rep. Kieckuchi - opposes Kahl amendment
- Rep. Kahn - Rep. Kieckuchi yields
- Rep. Kieckuchi - opposes amendment
- Rep. Kahn - language -

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REVOLUTIONS:

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COMMITTEE: Var. H.F. Stat Leg Session

DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Ball

CHAIR: Rep. Steve Steigman

DATE: April 26, 1999

LOG:

- Rep. Timmason - Motion to divide amendment - between lines 3 & 4 - looks divisible - no vote
  - 1st pt, yes vote 2nd part
  - Rep. Steigman
  - Rep. Kielbacki
  - Rep. Kahn -
  - Rep. Steigman - 1st part of bill amendment not adopted
  - Rep. Seagren
  - Rep. Timmason - yes vote
  - 2nd pt. roll call - Clark takes poll
  - Clark closes poll
- Date: Year 63 May 66  
Amendment 292, 2nd portion
- Rep. Abramson moves those not present be excused
  - Amendment not adopted (part)
  - Rep. Fukashima - amendment
  - Rep. Fukashima - amendment
  - Rep. Murphy - explanation
  - Rep. Marosz
  - Rep. Fukashima -
  - Rep. Murphy
  - Rep. Fukashima
  - Rep. Murphy

TAPE: 4COMMITTEE: Non Partisan Legislative CommitteeSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: 5th FloorCHAIR: Sp. State, NiagaraSIDE: BPAGE: 23DATE: April 30, 1979

REVOLUTIONS:

2345230422822276213619331832173216501602146414001292130312501240105908150656040203260117

LOG:

- Rep Kukacka)
  - Rep Kukacka amendment was not adopted - motion did not prevail
  - Rep Tanguz amendment
  - Rep Tanguz - roll call vote - Amendment A9-S explanation
  - Rep Trolf - Rep Entenza yields
  - Rep Entenza -
  - Rep Cassell - vote no to amendment
  - Rep Seager - vote in opposition
  - Rep Pugh - supports amendment
  - Rep Tanguz
  - Rep Trolf
  - Clerk Takis roll
  - Clerk closes roll
- Note: Year 46 May 103  
Amendment A9-S is not  
Rep Abrams moves absent  
members be excused - motion prevails  
3rd reading - 114-333-3  
Rep Entenza - 114-333-3  
Rep Johnson - believed  
bill miscalled
- Rep Trindade -
  - Rep Holliard
  - Rep Bradley
  - Rep Cassell - supports bill
  - Rep Story - supports bill

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: Min. of K. St. Legislative

START TIME: 12:00 PM

DIVISION/SUBC: 5/1st Day

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CHAIR: Sen. Stock, Dilligreen

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LOG:

- Rep. Pugh -
- Rep Carlson - Rep. Seagren  
yields
- Rep. Seagren
- Rep Carlson
- Rep. Seagren
- Rep. Ericson - supports
- Rep Anderson (D) - Rep.  
Seagren, yields
- Rep. Seagren -
- Rep Anderson
- Rep. Seagren
- Rep Anderson
- Rep. Seagren, Rep. Anderson
- Rep. Seagren
- Last round
- Rep. Seifert
- Rep. Griffiths - Majority  
Lafayette - moving vehicles  
is reform
- Rep. Seagren - Veto yes
- Rep. Anderson -
- Rep. Seagren
- Rep. Anderson

TAPE: 5

COMMITTEE: House Select Rep. Session

START TIME: 12:00 P.M.

DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Day

SIDE: A

CHAIR: Sp. Select Digger

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REVOLUTIONS:

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LOG:

- Rep. Morris - Vote green
- Rep. Ness
- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Vote: Year 90 May 240  
HJ 2333 is passed as  
amended, in title as  
agreed to -
- Rep. Barnes - Motion  
Call of House be lifted - motion  
- Rep. Bishop -
- Rep. Coffey
- Rep. Holsten
- CC: Messages from Senate
- CC: 1st reading of SJ 1
- Conf Committee: CC
- Rep. Oskopp
- Motion to adopt -
- 2nd reading HJ 270
- Clerk takes roll
- Clerk closes roll
- Vote: Year 157, adopted  
HJ 270 references
- Calendar for Day -  
Sp. Select Day
- Motion by Speaker: CC
- Motions & Resolutions

TAPE: 5COMMITTEE: House Rep Slst Log SessionSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: - 5th DayCHAIR: Rep Steve SchleggumSIDE: APAGE: 26DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

268828682889293129552974306230983125317431963228

## LOG:

- Rep McCollum - HR #6
- Vote - Motion prevails - HR #6 passed.
- Rep Reuter - Call of House rep - 10 hands - roll call
- Rep Pawlenty - Sergeant brings in absent members
- Clerk closes roll
- Rep Entwistle -
- Rep Reuter - Roll call vote - 15 hands
- Rep Erhardt - How many votes required?
- Rep Schleggum - 90 votes
- Rep Erhardt - Motion to table amendment to permanent rules - roll call req - Clerk will take roll
- Clerk will also roll - Vote: Yea 57 Nay 69  
Tie 1 - motion to table - motion to table - right to roll
- Rep Pawlenty - Miscellaneous questions
- Rep Pawlenty - Members be excused from voting - motion fails
- Rep Pawlenty - Motion members be excused - motion prevails - Clerk will close roll.

TAPE: 5COMMITTEE: Arch HR Sub CommitteeSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: - 5th DayCHAIR: Sp. Stock, StigmarSIDE: A/BPAGE: 27DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

32603270333834103477350035253572  
(8/36)3549347334603350332833483176316530483000

## LOG:

- Rep Lester - amendment to Rules
- Rep Paymar
- Rep Kilkuchi - supports Lester amendment to Rules
- Rep McColloch
- Rep Kohn
- Rep Lindner
- Rep Pugh - Rule 124 Mason's Pt of Order
- Rep Arizmendi - Pt of Order, not well taken
- Rep Binden
- Tape 5 - Side B
- Rep Leppek
- Rep Anderson - Key roll call
- Rep Bishop - Key did not implement - Lines 6 & 7 - note 1st on line 6
- Note: Line 6 eliminating men - discriminatory
- Rep Clark -
- Rep Hartberg - supports
- Rep Kilkuchi
- Rep Pugh - Vote against both pts of amendment.
- Rep Jacob - Clerk takes
- Clerk closes roll
- Note: Year 13 May 53  
Amendment to Rules 1st portion

TAPE: 5COMMITTEE: Rep HR Select CommSTART TIME: 12:00 PMDIVISION/SUBC: 15th DaySIDE: BCHAIR: Rep Steve SalzgitterPAGE: 28DATE: April 26, 1999

REVOLUTIONS:

3010

## LOG:

- Rep Pawlenty, pm
- Clark takes roll on 2nd portion of amendment  
Vote: 56 Yea 71 Nays
- Rep Pawlenty moves - motion prevails
- 2nd pt not adopted
- Rep Pawlenty - moves House be adjourned - motion prevails
- Rep Pawlenty - moves House be adjourned. - motion prevails - adjourned.

81ST. sess.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

COMMITTEE: MN House of Rep. Open Session

DIVISION/SUBC: Day 43

CHAIR: Speaker: Steve Sviggum

APE: 1  
TART TIME: 2:30 P.M.

IDE: A  
AGE: 1

EVOLUTIONS:

0030

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LOG:

House comes to order

Prayer by the Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call by Clerk

Reading of Journal by Clerk

Intro of Bills HF:48-81

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comprehensible (shall - must, etc.)

Rep Kahn: inconsistent word usage

Rep Pugh

~ TT43 ~

Rep Pawlenty: "8+9 are technical changes, etc."

- Adopted -

Rep Kahn: Propose to move to plain English

Rep Pawlenty: tabled Kahn motion

~ TT10 ~

Rep Entenza: Insgung change - p15

Rep Hasskamp:

Rep Tuma to change to make user-friendly

~ Adopted ~

~ TT33 ~

McCullum: Time for Prayer + Meditation

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1START TIME: 2:25SIDE: FPAGE: 3

REVOLUTIONS:

29792914284328122794276226442521237422382210198016201610147513961030075006800250

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CMTE TAPE LOG

COMMITTEE: open session on Minnesota Rep. 1st Session

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Cmte Chair [unclear]DATE: 1/11/49

## LOG:

Rep. Cihfeld - this is a power struggleRep. Pawlenty - it's nice to have inputRep. CihfeldRep. Greenfield - cutting off debate?Rep. Pawlenty - prevent caucus on amendmentRep. GreenfieldRep. Bishop - it's workingRep. Tomassoni - we already have no ability to cut off debateRep. TrimbleRep. PetersenRep. KnoblauchRep. SkoglundRep. OrmentRep. Anderson - the house has an insurmountable deficit; allowing debate specRep. OrmentRep. Tuma - keep debating cultureRep. Mariani - don't use the time constraint as an excuse not to engageRep. TomassoniRep. Bokovina - the bill is workingRep. SkoglundRep. Pawlenty - the committee is not working, only by directly  
necessity debatesRep. WinterClerk takes Roll on Entenza AmendmentAmendment Lost May: 70 Yea: 61Rep. Skoglund Amendment COY - free DebateRep. Bishop - Ep 12] the bill is structured to extend time to at least 20  
min.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2START TIME: 2:30SIDE: A/PPAGE: 4

REVOLUTIONS:

14032171017621843190020182133227023802458264026852773281029553084313332223241324232433375349435833527

CMTETAPE.LOG

COMMITTEE: NA House of Reps: 31st Session

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr: New SessionDATE: 1/11/99

LOG:

Rep Skoglund"Clerk takes roleYay: 60 Nay: 71Motion does not prevailRep Lemmink - Amend 014Rep Dehler - amend part 2+3Rep McCullumRep SmithRep LepikRep NessRep AbramsRep Kahn - people will be uncomfortable by the open prayerRep RhodesRep Reuter - Invoking "God" or "Jesus Christ" becomes non-discriminatoryRep Erhart supports LepikRep ChenRep DenierRep MullerRep LarsonRep JohnsonRep JeffryRep Cervenka Rep Johnson Rep. 72 Rep. 66Rep. 64Rep Clark amendmentRep GlassopRep Clark

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2START TIME: 2:30SIDE: BPAGE: 5

REVOLUTIONS:

3490345034313415337433333208310529422898282628422496241922632195196919761731551221220145914301340123711600989

CMTETAPE.LOG

COMMITTEE: HN House of Rep. Sub Session

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Rep. Steve Engleman

LOG:

Rep. LeppikRep. HaasRep. ClarkRep. HaasRep. EricksonClark amendment: does not prevail; division downLeppik amend. line 4+5; roll call: yes 89 nays 44Kahn amendment: amendment 22Rep. PawlentyRep. KahnVOTE NORep. Olson: amend. 779 requested callRep. EntenzaRep. TumaRep. SeibergRep. TumaRep. SilbergRep. OlsonClark takes ball~ amendment 171 ~ 11/11/99 ~~ amendment 12 ~Rep. OlsonRoll call vote - yesRep. Pawlenty requested + motion of rulesRep. StoglundRoll call vote - yesRep. EntenzaRep. Pawlenty: proposal is a new concept

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 213 2START TIME: 2:30SIDE: B/APAGE: 26

REVOLUTIONS:

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CMTETAPE.LOG

COMMITTEE: House of Rep. 81st Session

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr: Hon. Sengun (Hibroms)DATE: 1/11/99

## LOG:

Rep OlsonRep Winter - poor use of the word "frivolous"Roll call by Clerk : yeas: 77 nays: 56  
- Motion adopted -- Amendment 007 ~Roll Call vote : yesRep EntenzaRep OpatzRoll Call: yea: 21 Nay: 112- No - adopted~ Amendment 005 ~Rep Olson: "Education bills are 90% good"Rep Bishop: "If words are changed as I can see no conclusions."Rep Pawlenty: moves that the amend be referred to rules committeeRep Olson - only one part is before us  
amendment by Pawlenty invalid  
Amend rejectedRep WinterRep PawlentyRep GreenfieldRep Pawlenty: seriousness rule in committee for members  
sub on the floor is violatedRep GreenfieldRep OpatzRep PawlentyRep Tammesini

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 3COMMITTEE: Education MINUTES of Rep.START TIME: 2:20

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: A/BPAGE: 7DATE: 11/1/99

REVOLUTIONS:

2688272727632795290729432964302231073122321932813326335434673516353135673622362336553694368437873814CMTETAPE.LOG

## LOG:

Rep. PawlentyRep. WinterRep. PawlentyRep. CarlsonRep. Pawlentyvote; motion prevails; amendment rejectedTremble amend - 28; roll call requestedRep. TumaRep. Rehlerroll call yeas 95 nays 37Dign amendment 7746 giving up special powers as min. leader  
amendment to his amendment: Rep. Pawlenty also furnishes to  
m/s. amend. carries Pugh am. carriesCarlsom amendment 26Rep. Carlson requests roll call - am proposes 2/3 vote to suspend  
jeopardyroll call yeas 62 nays 70Greenfield amend. 7728 withdrawnGreiling amend. 612 withdrawnMcCullum amend. 7722Rep. Schertzer propose a motionMcCullum motion 612Rep. PawlentyRep. McFallinroll call motion to refer - motion prevails yeas 127 nays 7Rep. Leichter amendment 7724Rep. SchertzerRep. Leichter request is roll call succeededRep. Leichter

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 3COMMITTEE: HN House of Representatives 101 sessionSTART TIME: 2:30

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Rep. STEVE SUGGEMSIDE: BPAGE: 3 DATE: 4/11/99

REVOLUTIONS:

32623221316231263015292028402800274327232602249624523322302230022002100190018001240143014401400

LOG:

roll call yeas 55 nays 76Kahn amendment TT12Rep PawlentyRep KahnRep. Pawlenty -Roll call vote - yes~ Kahn amendment TT12 ~yeas. 65 NAYS: 65Amendment TT13Rep Kruekie - suggest adoption~ Amendment adopted ~KAHN ~ TT34 ~Rep Tiina - removed because not usedRep Kahn - New era means more interactionRoll call requiredChair takes rollyear 54 Nays 77AmendmentRep Finkhaefer procedure not implemented votingRep Finkhaefer would you like to make itRep PawlentyRep GallegoChair what will we do last timeyear 79 Nays 52~ Motion Passed ~Motion adoptedMotion passedMotion passed

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 3START TIME: 2:30SIDE: APAGE: 9

REVOLUTIONS:

126312471188111311051010079407000600COMMITTEE: MN House of Representatives 81st Session

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Spkr: Steve SwiggumDATE: 1/11/99

## LOG:

Roll callRep Pawlenty - farm crisis is imp, how quickly until floorRep Finseth - on Wednesday addressedRep Pawlenty - Table the motionRoll call - yeas-70 nays-60- Motion Private -Rep Cruthers - DecorumRep Kuhn - "Gentle lady"Announcements- House Adjourned -

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: House Floor Day #65

START TIME: 12:00

DIVISION/SUBC: 1st Session NJ House of Reps

SIDE: A

CHAIR: Speaker Snigum  
DATE: 2-1-2005

PAGE: 1  
REVOLUTIONS:

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CMTETAPE.LOG

LOG:

Call to order

Prayer by Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Rep Pough speaks

Rep Stepanekie speaks

Quorum Roll call

Clerk closes roll

Quorum is present

Clerk reads journal from preceding day

Introduction of bills

Clerk gives first reading

24:76 - 25:19

Rep Reuter introduces H.E. 2720

Mistake made by Author

Rep Reuter speaks on bill

Roll call vote is requested

Rep Mowers speaks / ~~Reiner~~

Rep Reuter requests roll call

Rep Reuter asks for yes/no vote?

Roll call is taken → 1ay or tie

Clerk shall close roll

120 1's 72 nays

Rep Reuter speaks on vote

Motion of suspension of rules

Rep Hoag addresses rep Mowers

Rep Mowers speaks

Rep Hoag

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 1200

SIDE: A

PAGE: 2

COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION/SUBC: 91<sup>st</sup> Session MN House of Rep

CHAIR: Speaker Sviagum

DATE: 2-1-2000

REVOLUTIONS:

17 35

17 50

17 84

18 20

19 10

19 37

19 74

20 25

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22 85

23 26

23 70

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26 34

26 74

26 93

27 48

28 30

28 34

28 75

28 83

LOG:

Rep Mares  
Rep Fullard  
Rep Junke  
Rep Fullard speaks against vote  
Rep Haskamp  
Addresses Rep Haskamp (Rep Reuter)  
Rep Haskamp  
Rep Segran  
Rep Reuter  
Rep Goodnow  
Rep Omond  
Rep Reuter  
Rep McCullen  
Rep Reuter  
Rep McCullen  
Rep Secker  
Rep Shwander  
Rep Ehrhart  
Rep Reuter  
Rep Einhorn  
Rep Keilkucki  
Motion for Votz by Speaker  
Rep Aksen  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll  
63 I's to new's Bill referred to ED Policy  
motions and resolutions  
Resolution #12

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

START TIME: 12:00

DIVISION/SUBC: 51st Session MN House of Rep

SIDE: A

CHAIR: Speaker Svigern

PAGE: 3

DATE: 2-1-2000

REVOLUTIONS:

2918

3002

3020

3030

3080

3113

3135

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3490

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3604

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3268

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3892

3826

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2714

2632

2566

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LOG:

H.F. 2936 (motions & resolutions)

Copies of 1.01 is placed on desks

Rep Reuter request call house

Roll call

Rep Abrams moves roll call suspended

Rep Reuter req's roll call

Rep Reuter wants to change rules

Short Prayer

Rep McCullum asks for quiet

Rep Reuter resumes

Speaker calls for 2/3 vote

Rep Loppik

TAPE SIDE B

Rep Haskamp (Requests roll call (on lines) 6, 7, 8)



Speaker calls for roll call

Rep. Tunse

Rep Bergar

Roll Call 20 Y - 110 N Amend to Amend

Rep Kielkucki

Rep Olson

Roll Call amendment to rule 69 Y - 63 N

Rep Minns introduces Speaker Emer.

Rep Rhodes

Rep Clark - personal privilege

Rep Bishop - personal privilege

Rep Wolf

Rep Abrams

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: \_\_\_\_\_

START TIME: 12:00

DIVISION/SUBC: 81<sup>st</sup> Session MN House Reps

SIDE: A

CHAIR: Speaker Sviggum

PAGE: 4

DATE: 2-1-2000

REVOLUTIONS:

2544

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2371

LOG:

Rep Pugh

Rep Molnar

Rep Rhodes

Rep Ozman

Rep Linder

Rep Molnar Remove call of House House adjourn

FLOOR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: \ \_\_\_\_\_

START TIME: 3:05

SIDE: 1 A

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COMMITTEE: House Floor

DIVISION/SUBC: 76<sup>th</sup> Day

CHAIR: Speaker Svenja

DATE: 2/23/2000

## REVOLUTIONS:

**LOG:**

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1641  
1710

House called to order  
clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 118 yeas 7 nays  
Rep Petrowski  
Motion is approved  
Rep Mahoney  
Rep Buesgens  
Reports of standing committees adopted  
2nd reading of HF's  
2nd reading of CSF's  
Introduction of bills + 1st reading  
Consent Calendar for day  
HF 2190 1st item for day  
Rep Rest explains bill  
3rd reading HF 2190  
clerk takes roll  
clerk closes roll 132 yeas 0 nays  
3rd bill on consent calendar HF 3142  
Rep Swenson explains bill  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kukavica  
Rep Stern  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Swenson  
Rep Kahn  
Rep Molana  
Rep Kahn

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 3:00

SIDE: 1 A

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COMMITTEE: House Floor

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Speaker Siggum

DATE: 2/23/2000

REVOLUTIONS:

1746

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3084

LOG:

Rep Milna

Rep Clark

Rep Swenson

Rep Kahn

Rep Molna

Rep Kahn

Rep Swenson

Rep Kahn

Point of Order Rep Kahn

Rep Swenson

Rep Milna

Rep Kahn with Colvans point of order

3rd reading HF 3142

Clark takes roll

Clerk closes roll 136 Ayes 2 Nays

HF 3156 4th item on consent calendar

Rep Workman explains the bill

Rep Erhardt

Rep Workman

Rep Erhardt

Rep Workman

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 3:05

SIDE: 1A + 1B

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COMMITTEE: House Floor

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Speaker Swanson

DATE: 2/23/00

REVOLUTIONS:

3049

3144

3167

3186

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LOG:

Clerk takes the roll  
Rep Paulsen moves / motion carried  
Clerk closes the roll 114 ayes 11 Nays  
Rep Paymar  
Rep Lindner  
Rep Haake  
Rep McCollum  
Rep Entenza  
SIDE B  
Rep Skoglund  
Rep Lindner  
Rep Skoglund  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Hasskamp  
Rep Van Dellen  
Rep Leppik moves to divide rule before House  
Report from Rules S15 CR Second Portion  
Rep Leppik  
Parliamentary inquiry Rep Leppik  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulsen  
Rep Kelliher  
Rep Embury  
Rep Nunes  
Rep Olson  
Clerk takes the roll  
Clerk closes roll 71 Ayes 60 Nays  
1st Portion S15 CR / Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll " 72 ayes 52 Nays  
1st portion adopted

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2 of 2

COMMITTEE: House Floor

START TIME: 3:05

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: 1B

CHAIR: Speaker Sussman

PAGE: 4 of 7

DATE: 2/23/00

## REVOLUTIONS:

1525

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## LOG:

Report from Rules 11CR

Rep Pawlenty

Rep Bishop

Rep Pawlenty

Clerk reports amendment 29

Rep Olson

Rep Sturm

Rep Solberg

Rep Olson

Rep Solberg

Rep Olson

Rep Solberg

Rep Olson

Amendment moved into Rules Committee by Rep Olson

Tape 2

Amendment 11CR 30

Roll call requested by Rep. W. L. Leach, Rep. Park

Rep Pugh

Rep Bishop

Rep Pugh

Rep Bishop

Rep Pugh

Rep Bishop

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2 of 2

START TIME: 3:05

SIDE: 2A

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COMMITTEE: House Floor

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Speaker, Suggs

DATE: 2/23/00

REVOLUTIONS:

1422

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3461

LOG:

Amendment does not prevail by voice

Amendment HCR 16

Rep. Knoblauch

Rep. Knoblauch

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Knoblauch

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Knoblauch

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Knoblauch

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Pawlenty

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Tuma

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Pawlenty

Rep. Bishop

Rep. Pawlenty

Chair takes the roll

Rep. Johnson votes nays

Rep. Johnson votes nays 19 yea 41 nay

Rep. Bishop

Rep. McCollum

Rep. Pawlenty

Rep. Selberg

Rep. Pawlenty

Rep. McCollum

Rep. Pawlenty

Rep. McCollum

Rep. Pawlenty

# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2 of 2

COMMITTEE: House Floor

START TIME: 3:05

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: 2A

CHAIR: Speaker Suggs...

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DATE: 2/23/00

REVOLUTIONS:

LOG:

3431

Rep. McCollum

3446

Rep. Solberg

3565

Rep. Pawlenty

SIDE 2

Rep. Larson

3585

Clerk takes roll on the Bush Amendment UCR 27

3477

Motion prevails by Rep. Adams

3411

Clerk closes roll 62 Ayes 68 Nays /not adopted

3412

Report from Rules UCR

3377

Clerk closes roll 68 Ayes 62 Nays /Rules adopted

3340

Calendar for day SF 86

3345

Rep Seeger moves 5.11 motion prevails

3293

Calendar for day continues in Committee

3293

Motions + Resolutions

3297

Rep. Rosberg

3299

Rep. Lepore

3193

Rep. Best

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Rep Smith

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Rep Updike

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Rep Brueggeman

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Rep. Best

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Rep Smith

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Rep Erickson

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Rep Wenzel

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Rep Olson

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Rep Greatfield

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Rep Updike

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Rep Knoblauch

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Rep. Rhodes

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 2 of 2

COMMITTEE: House

START TIME: 3:05

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: B

CHAIR: Speaker Suggs

PAGE: 7 of 7

DATE: 2/23/00

REVOLUTIONS:

2890

2873

2864

2854

2829

LOG:

Rep Smith

Rep Holsten

Rep Finsen

Motion prevails to adjourn

House adjourned

81st. Sess.

HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

COMMITTEE: MN House of Rep. Open Session

START TIME: 2:30 P.M.

DIVISION/SUBC: Day #3

CHAIR: Speaker: Steve Sviggum

SIDE: A

PAGE: 1

REVOLUTIONS:

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DATE: 01/11 Jan. 1999

LOG: HR

House comes to order

Prayer by the Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call by Clerk

Reading of Journal by Clerk

Intro of Bills HF:48-81

Rep Pawlenty moves to suspend Rules

- Prevails -

Adjourned for 3 days. Reso 3 prevails

Rep Tuma = Rules changed and re-numbered

TUMA finishes

Discussion on Rule adoption

Rep Kahn: Given up on rule changes, more  
comprehensible (shall - must, etc)

Rep Kahn: inconsistent word usage

Rep Pugh

- TT43 -

Rep Pawlenty: "8+9 are technical changes . . ."  
- Adopted -

Rep Kahn: Propose to move to plain English

Rep Pawlenty: tabled Kahn motion

- TT10 -

Rep Entenza: language change - 15

Rep Hasskamp:

Rep Tuma's change to make user-friendly  
- Adopted -

- TT33 -

McCullum: Time for Prayer + Meditation

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

START TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIDE: A + / BPAGE: 2

REVOLUTIONS:

33 2956↓ 2982300730473063312331743204328032983316336834253458347335063522354035583592360028 361435553513347818 341031963084COMMITTEE: MN House of Reps 81<sup>st</sup> Session

DIVISION/SUBC: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIR: Speaker: Steve SwiggumDATE: 1-11-99

## LOG:

Molnau - what's a non-denom prayer?McCollumMolnauMcCollumRep. Kubly ~ "interdenominational"Rep. DenierEnicksenRep. OlsonRhodesRep. Pawlenty - "God" ok?Rep. Leppik - "that respects the diversity of the house"Rep. McCollum - okRep. LeppikRep. McCollumRep. SwiggumRep. McCollum - tables amendmentOpatz  
Amendment 002Rep. Opatz - tenure of chairsPawlenty supports itRep. TumaRep. Rukavina - objectsRep. OpatzRep. Rukavinamotion prevails; division called for 91 ayes; motion prevailsEntenza amendment T718 requests roll call "gag rule"Rep. Kiel Kurth - we're trying to increase amt of time guaranteedRep. Pawlenty - we need conciseness

## HOUSE COMMITTEE TAPE LOG

TAPE: 1

START TIME: 2:35

COMMITTEE: open session MN House of Reps 81st Session

DIVISION/SUBC:

CHAIR: Spkr. Steve Singgum

SIDE: B

PAGE: 3

DATE: 1/11/99

REVOLUTIONS:

2979

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APE 2: 4:25 00:10

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CMTE TAPE LOG

LOG:

Rep. Orfield - this is a partisan proposal

Rep. Pawlenty - Democrats did have input

Rep. Orfield

Rep. Greenfield - cutting off debate?

Rep. Pawlenty - prevent obvious obstructionism

Rep. Greenfield

Rep. Bishop - it's worth a try

Rep. Tomassoni - we already have the ability to cut off debate

Rep. Thimble

Rep. Peterson

Rep. Knoblauch

Rep. Skoglund

Rep. Ozment

Rep. Anderson - the house has an admirable record for allowing people to speak

Rep. Ozment

Rep. Tuma - Keep brawling culture

Rep. Mariani - don't use the time constraint as an excuse not to do your job

Rep. Tomassoni

Rep. Rukavina - the bill is wrong

Rep. Skoglund

Rep. Pawlenty - the time cutoff is not arbitrary, only for obviously needless debates

Rep. Winter

Clerk takes Roll on Entenza Amendment

Amendment Lost Nay: 70 Yea: 61

Rep. Skoglund Amendment 004 - free Debate

Rep. Bishop - [p12] the bill is structured to extend time to at least 20 min

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COMMITTEE: 110 House of Reps: 81st Session

DIVISION/SUBC:

CHAIR: Spkr: Steve SviggumDATE: 1/11/99

LOG:

Rep Skoglund"Clerk takes roleYay: 60 Nay: 71Motion does not prevailRep Lemmick - Amend 014 - 7/11Rep Dehler - amend parts 2+3Rep McCullumRep SmithRep LeppikRep NessRep AbramsRep Kahn - people will be uncomfortable by the open prayerRep RhoadsRep Reuter - Invoking "God" or "Jesus Christ" becomes non-denominationalRep. Erhardt supports LeppikRep OlsonRep DehlerRep McCullumRep LindnerRep LaymarRep PawlentyRep LeppikRep Leighton req. roll call vote 1st part yeas 72 nays 662nd partRep Clark amendment 14Rep OsskoppRep Clark

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## LOG:

Rep. LeppikRep. ItaasRep. ClarkRep. ItaasRep. EricksonClark amendment; does not prevail; division; downLeppik amend., lines 4+5; roll call; yeas 89 nays 43Kahn amendment; amendment 22Rep. PawlentyRep. Kahnvote noRep. Olson amend. TT 9 requests roll callRep. EntenzaRep. TumaRep. SolbergRep. TumaRep. SolbergRep. OlsonClerk takes Roll~ Amendment TT 9: 61 yeas 71 Nays ~~ Amendment A2 ~Rep. M. OlsonRoll call Vote - yesRep. Rutherford referred to committee of RulesRep. SkoglundRoll call vote - yesRep. EntenzaRep. Pawlenty - Proposed is a new concept

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LOG:

Rep Olson

Rep Winter - poor using the word "frivolous"

Roll Call by Clerk : yeas: 77 nays: 56

- Motion adopted -

1/13 ~ Amendment 007 ~

Roll Call vote: yes

Rep Entenza

Rep Opatz

Roll Call: yea: 21 Nay: 112

- Not adopted

~ Amendment 005 ~

Rep Olson: "Education bills are 90% good"

Rep Bishop - "If words are changed ... &amp; come to same conclusions."

Rep Pawlenty - mover that the amend. be referred to rules committee

Rep Olson - only one part is before us

~ Motion by Pawlenty prevails ~

Amend ~ TIG ~

Rep Winter

Rep Pawlenty

Rep Greenfield

Rep Pawlenty: Germaneness rule in committee but mirror sub on the floor is undesired

Rep Greenfield

Rep Opatz

Rep Pawlenty

Rep Tomassoni

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COMMITTEE: 81<sup>st</sup> session MN House of Reps

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LOG:

Rep. PawlentyRep. WinterRep. PawlentyRep. CarlsonRep. Pawlentyvote; motion prevails; amendment adoptedTremble amend - 28; roll call requestedRep. TumaRep. Dehlerroll call yeas 95 nays 37Pugh amendment TT46 giving up special powers as min. leaderamendment to the amendment - Rep. Pawlenty also subscribes to this.amend. carries; Pugh am. carriesCarlson amendment 26Rep. Carlson requests roll call - am. proposes 2/3 vote to suspend debateroll call yeas 62 nays 70Greenfield amend. TT28 withdrawnGreiling amend. O12 withdrawnMcCollum am. TT22Rep. Seifert proposes re-referralMcCullum roll call req.Rep. PawlentyRep. McCullumroll call on motion to re-refer - motion prevails yeas 127 nays 7Rep. Leighton amendment; TT24Rep. SeifertRep. Leighton requests roll call; succeedsRep. Goodno

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LOG:

roll call yes 55 nays 76Kahn amendment TT12Rep. PawlentyRep. KahnRep. Pawlenty -Roll call vote - yes~ Kahn amendment TT12 ~yes: 65 NAYS: 65Amendment TT13Rep. Krinkie - suggest adoption~ Amendment adopted ~KAHN ~ TT34 ~Rep TUMA - removed because not usedRep Kahn - New era means more interactionRoll call requestedClerk takes rollyear 54 Nays 77AmendmentRep Erhardt - procedure for amendment adoptionRep Pugh - steps toward openness to the publicRep PawlentyRep SolbergClerk takes roll to adopt house rulesyear: 79 Nay: 52~ Motion Prevails ~Motion adopted prevailsMotion prevailsMotion prevails

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LOG:

Roll callRep Pawlenty - farm crisis is important, how quickly until floorRep Finseth - on Wednesday addressedRep Pawlenty - Table the motionRoll call - yeas-70 nays-60~ Motion Prevails ~Rep Crothers - DecorumRep Kahn - "Gentlelady"Announcements~ House Adjourned ~

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1710

LOG:

House called to order  
clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 118 yeas → No  
Rep. Peltowski  
Motion is approved  
Rep. Mahoney  
Rep. Buesgens  
Reports of standing committees adopted  
2nd reading of HF's  
2nd reading of ST's  
Introduction of bills + 1st reading  
Consent Calendar for day  
HF 2190 1st item for day  
Rep. Rest explains bill  
3rd reading HF 2190  
clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 132 yeas 0 nays  
3rd bill on consent calendar HF 3142  
Rep. Swenson explains bill  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Rukavina  
Rep. Storm  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Swenson  
Rep. Kahn  
Rep. Molnar  
Rep. Kahn

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## LOG:

Rep Molnau

Rep Clark

Rep Swenson

Rep Kahn

Rep Molnau

Rep Kahn

Rep Swenson

Rep Kahn

Point of Order Rep Kahn

Rep Swenson

Rep Molnau

Rep Kahn with Colvaw's point of order

3rd reading HF 3142

Clerk takes roll

Clerk closes roll 126 Ayes 0 Nays

HF 3156 4th item on consent calendar

Rep Workman explains the bill

Rep Erhardt

Rep Workman

Rep Erhardt

Rep Workman

Rep Erhardt

3rd reading HF 3156

Clerk takes roll

Clerk closes roll 130 Ayes 0 Nays

Report from Rules

Report from Rules S 15 CR

Rep Poulsby S 15 CR

Rep Leighton

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REVOLUTIONS:

3049

LOG:

3144

Clerk takes the roll

3167

Rep Pawlenty moves / motion prevails

3186

Clerk closes the roll 114 ayes 11 Nays

3372

Rep Paymar

3454

Rep Lindner

3473

Rep Hrake

3570

Rep McCollum

3605

Rep Entenza

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SIDE B

3587

Rep Skoglund

3580

Rep Lindner

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Rep Skoglund

3338

Rep Bishop

3239

Rep Hasskamp

2982

Rep Van Dellen

2921

Rep Leppik moves to divide rule before Howe

2917

Report from Rules S15 CR Second Portion

2707

Rep Leppik

2668

Parliamentary Inquiry Rep. Wilkins

2625

Rep Leighton

2608

Rep Bishop

2521

Rep Leighton

2439

Rep Pawlenty

2168

Rep Kelliher

2065

Rep Entenza

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Rep Nunes

1760

Rep Olson

1669

Clerk takes the roll

1618

Clerk closes roll 71 Ayes 60 Nays

1550

1st Portion S15 CR / Clerk takes roll

Clerk closes roll 72 Ayes 52 Nays

1st portion adopted

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## LOG:

Report from Rules 11CR  
Rep Paulsen,  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Paulsen  
Clerk reports amendment 27  
Rep Olson  
Rep Stoen  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Rep Solberg  
Rep Olson  
Amendment moved into Rules Committee by Rep Olson  
Tape 2  
Amendment 11CR 30  
Roll call requested by Mr. W. L. (Leader) Pugh  
Rep Pugh  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Pugh  
Rep Bishop  
Rep Pugh  
Rep Paulsen  
Rep Paulsen moves to Rules Committee  
Rep Pugh  
Clerk takes roll  
Clerk closes roll 69 Yeas 62 Nays/Abst  
Amendment read by Clerk CR 31  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Tuma  
Rep Leighton  
Rep Paulsen

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**LOG:**

Amendment does not prevail by voice  
Amendment HCR 16

Rep. Knoblauch  
Rep. Knoblauch  
Rep. Bishop  
Rep. Paulsen  
Rep. Bishop  
Rep. Tuma  
Rep. Bishop  
Rep. Paulsen  
Rep. Bishop  
Rep. McCollum  
Rep. Paulsen  
Rep. Solberg  
Rep. Paulsen  
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Rep. Paulsen  
Rep. McCollum  
Rep. Paulsen

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2913

2900

LOG:

Rep. McCollum

Rep. Solberg

Rep. Pawlenty

Rep. Larson

Clerk takes roll on the Dual Amendment HCR 27

Motion prevails by Rep. Hansen

Clerk closes roll 62 Ayes 58 Nays /not adopted

Report from Rules HCR

Clerk closes roll 68 Ayes 62 Nays /Rules adopted

Calendar by Day SF 86

Rep. Seeger moves h.11 motion prevails

Calendar for Day continues in an orderly

Motions + Resolutions

Rep. Rushberg

Rep. Lepak

Rep. Dorn

Rep. Smith

Rep. Updike

Rep. Buesgens

Rep. Moulder

Rep. Indenier

Rep. Marks

Rep. Smith

Rep. Erickson

Rep. Wenzel

Rep. Olson

Rep. Granfield

Rep. Uiskup

Rep. Lundquist

Rep. Rhoder

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LOG:

Rep. Smith

Rep. Holstein

Rep. Finseth

Motion prevails to adjourn

House adjourned