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Reverend Carol Dixon of Kainos International Church of Grosse Pointe Woods offered the following invocation:

Father, we give thanks for the United States and its government. We hold up in prayer before You these men and women who are in positions of authority. We pray and intercede for the President, the Representatives, the Senators, the judges of our land, the policemen and the policewomen, as well as the Governor and the Mayor, and all those who are in authority over us in any way. We pray that the Spirit of God rest upon them.

We pray that skillful and godly wisdom has entered into the hearts of these great Senators and knowledge is pleasant to all of you. We pray that discretion watches over you and understanding keeps and delivers each one of you from the way of evil and that you be true to the responsibility entrusted unto you.

Therefore, I speak that your abilities measure up to issues before you; that you be thorough in your investigations and factual in your presentations. Therefore, I speak that your insight be without oversight, discernment without distortion, fairness without favoritism, prescience without prejudice, and a clear conscience without compromise. Therefore, I speak strict to stand tall, even if alone, for it is better to cease in something right than to win in something wrong.

So be it resolved that we give thanks for the land and the leaders which have been given to us through You, the great Senators of the state of Michigan. Guide us this day, God, in this meeting, and remind us that all we do here will be reviewed in the council halls of the last day.

In God's name we pray. Amen

The President, Lieutenant Governor Cherry, led the members of the Senate in recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance*.