

Almighty God and Merciful Father, we stand before you this day in abundant need of YOU and YOUR LAW OF LOVE.

As we begin this session never let us be so naive to think that any legislator, any law or program can ever be more important than the freedom to worship you in order that your law may dwell in the hearts of those who have been chosen to serve the common good. It is only out of love for you... that people will follow the laws that are passed for the common good and to serve the needs of those who are most vulnerable.

Let our desire to be pleasing in your sight guide us long before political expediency or political correctness becomes the motivation for our actions and decisions.

Therefore never let us confuse:

- willful killing of others and call it choice
- the worship of false gods and call it tolerance
- rewarding laziness and call it public assistance
- neglecting our elderly and calling it selective healthcare
- neglecting the incarcerated and calling it justice
- allowing perversion and pornography and calling it the free access of information

Gracious God and Father grant us wisdom and insight into the challenges the lie ahead of us and in the end let the result of our labor enable us to remain true to our state and nation

that was founded under God, where all people are  
CREATED NOT BORN in your image and likeness.

We pray that when our task is done you may look  
at the fruits of our labor and say "Well done  
good and faithful servant"

We ask all this through our God and Father who  
lives and reigns forever and ever. AMEN