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Re: Pastor Ron Baity/House/Prayer

My own view of the matter is this:

1. Government officials should not direct the content of the prayers of others.
2. This is consistent with the free exercise of religion protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Article I, Section 13 of [the] North Carolina Constitution which concludes: "no human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience". It does not constitute an establishment of religion.
3. I was pleased that the Speaker of the House invited me to participate in the review of our procedures concerning guest chaplains.

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General Assembly/Baity-House-Prayer