

The Sentinel Editorial
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Dear Editor,

I would like to take issue over the Sentinel article (Local- 3/27) “Muslim lawmaker decries ‘offensive’ session prayer” and what one of our founding fathers said about the subject of religion.

The Father of American Jurisprudence, Joseph Story, once stated that “the real object of the [First] amendment was not to countenance, much less to advance Mahometanism, or Judaism, or infidelity by prostrating Christianity, but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects and to prevent any national ecclesiastical establishment which would give to a hierarchy the exclusive patronage of the national government.” How would his Honor Joseph Story respond to this sad dilemma?

True, the Quran “respects Jesus” but only as a prophet and not as the Son of God. How do you respect someone Whose own claim you believe as false? Peter’s confession that Jesus is the Christ is the very foundation of His church (Mat 16:16). Christ even said that those who are ashamed of Him, He also would be ashamed of “when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels” (Mat 8:38).

The inspired apostle wrote to the Philippians (2:10) where all (atheist, Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, etc.) will one day bow before the authority of Jesus.

I would ask Mr. Dermody (D-Allegheny), how is quoting scripture “beneath the dignity of this House”? Is the ‘House’ higher in authority than the Son of God?

And for the governor to be “horrified” over this and apologize “on behalf of all Pennsylvanians”, I’m a Pennsylvanian and he need not apologize for me since I’m not offended by the truth quoted from the writings of a truly inspired pen.

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