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United States Senate
Minority Leader

SUPREME COURT

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Dear -----:

The decision of the Supreme Court in the prayer case does establish the law of the land and inasmuch as it involves an interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, the only remedy would be a constitutional amendment dealing with the problem.

Thus far questions relating to the oath used in court rooms, the appearance of a chaplain at the sessions of the Congress and kindred matters have not been raised, but it is likely that they might and would thereupon have to be taken into account. There is, however, no other remedy available in respect of school cases other than a change in a subsequent Supreme Court opinion or a constitutional amendment. I can assure you it is having a great deal of attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen