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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill provides for a period of time in
9 the public schools for studying the formal
10 procedures of the United States Congress including
11 the verbatim reading of a congressional opening
12 prayer.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT
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18 To prescribe a period of time in the public schools
19 not to exceed 15 minutes for study of the formal procedures
20 followed by the United States Congress, which study shall
21 include a reading verbatim of one of the opening prayers given
22 by the House or Senate Chaplain or a guest member of the
23 clergy at the beginning of a meeting of the United States
24 House of Representatives or Senate.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. At the commencement of the first class of
27 each day in all grades in all public schools, the teacher in

1 charge of the room in which such class is held shall, for a
2 period of time not exceeding 15 minutes, instruct the class in
3 the formal procedures followed by the United States Congress.
4 The study shall include, but not be limited to, a reading
5 verbatim of one of the opening prayers given by the House or
6 Senate Chaplain or a guest member of the clergy at the
7 beginning of a meeting of the House of Representatives or the
8 Senate.

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
10 first day of the third month following its passage and
11 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.