

# The Senator Is Angry

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Sen. Yldefonso Sola Morales, a big wheel in the Popular Democratic Party and in the Legislature, exchanged some hot words with the Christian Action Party (CAP) during the recent unpleasantness. You'd think that now that the firing has stopped he would forget the whole thing. But he hasn't, not by a long shot. He's planning to introduce a bill in the Senate that has all the earmarks of having been inspired by anger.

The Senator wants to make it illegal for political parties to use religious symbols on the ballot, and in campaign material. We suggest the Senator find some other way to crack the knuckles of those who may have offended him.

It is dangerous to propose laws to prevent people from using symbols that do not violate the laws of decency. We found the use of religious symbols in bad taste in some cases in the recent campaign, and certainly the publication of the Lord's Prayer as a paid political advertisement. But we wouldn't want anyone to make bad taste illegal, especially by infringing on the freedom of expression of the individual or association or organization or political party, as the case may be.

We hope the Senator counts ten before he introduces such a bill. He'll look pretty silly if he tries to ban the use of religious symbols, especially when he is asked to decide which are religious and which are not, and what is political use and what is not.