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U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING

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THE 1952 RULING STATEMENT OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT REVELANT TO RELEASED TIME MINISTRY

In 1952, the constitutionality of Released Time Ministry was tested in the Supreme Court case of *Zorach vs. Clauson* (343 U.S. 306). The ruling found such ministries not to be in violation of the United States Constitution. The Court said, "When the state encourages religious authorities by adjusting the schedule of public events to sectarian needs, it follows the best of our traditions, for it then respects the religious natures of our people and accommodates the public service to their spiritual needs. To hold that it may not would be to find in the Constitution a requirement that the government show a callous indifference to religious groups. That would be preferring those who believe in no religion over those who do believe."