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Floor Debate February 2, 2021

HILGERS [00:00:00] Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the nineteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Blood. Please rise.

BLOOD [00:00:12] Friends, please join me in prayer. Dear God, as we move deeper into this legislative session and work on behalf of Nebraskans, help us to reflect and better understand that you don't call the equipped. You equip the called. The Bible has many examples where God encouraged others who had personal doubts about their own abilities to change the course of history. As some of us struggle to be strong in our personal or professional lives, remind us of those who came before us who rose above even greater hurdles. As we learn to be better leaders, help us to gain inner strength through the writings in the Bible that show us how you guided those who may not have understood their initial purpose in your service, from Moses, who never believed he was a leader but you worked through him to bring Israel out of slavery, to Paul, who murdered Christians but moved forward to be one of the most prolific writers on Christianity after meeting Jesus and getting a better understanding of God's words in the gospel, and also the youngest of all his brothers, David, who defeated a great giant and eventually became a king. Lord, we ask today for the grace of patience, strength, and endurance. May we take that strength and persevere through our trials and tribulations while we await to witness what you have in plan for us, knowing that sometimes the wait is for God to align other pieces of the plan and sometimes the wait is for God to align the pieces of our own hearts. Grant us the opportunities to use our energy, our talents and abilities for the good of all and for the glory of your name. We thank you for these opportunities to grow and be stronger in our personal faith. Grant this-- grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HILGERS [00:02:17] Thank you, Senator Blood. Senator Lindstrom, you are recognized for the pledge.

LINDSTROM [00:02:21] Please join me in the pledge. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HILGERS [00:02:37] Thank you, Senator Lindstrom. I call to order the nineteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK [00:13:16] There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

HILGERS [00:13:19] Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK [00:13:20] No corrections this morning.

HILGERS [00:13:22] Thank you. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK [00:13:25] There are, Mr. President. Your Committee on Transportation reports LB106, LB113, LB149, LB174 all to General File, as well as LB302 to General File with committee amendments attached. Committee on Urban Affairs gives notice of public hearing; Judiciary, Transportation and Telecommunications, Appropriations, and Natural Resources, all notices of public hearing. New resolution, LR34 by Senator Slama, is an interim study relating to the Nebraska Environmental Trust. That will be referred to the Reference Committee. That's all I have at this time.

HILGERS [00:14:25] Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Albrecht, you're recognized for a personal announcement.

ALBRECHT [00:14:31] And thank you very much, President. Well, I just want to announce the Albrecht family has added number 13 grandchild. Her name is Berkley Grace Kortus. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, 19.25 inches. She was born Sunday evening at the Methodist Women's Hospital in Omaha. Just want to thank Dr. Jones for taking such wonderful care of my daughter, Michaela. Her parents are Lee and Michaela Kortus. Her two older sisters are McKynlee, who is 9, and Landrie, who's 7, and they want to welcome her home today. So just wanted to let y'all know. Thank you.

HILGERS [00:15:16] Thank you, Senator Albrecht. While the Legislature is in session and capable of trans-- transacting business, I propose to sign in and do hereby sign LR30, LR31, and LR32. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK [00:15:59] Mr. President, one additional announcement: Notice of hearing from the Revenue Committee. Mr. President, in preparation for adjournment, the Executive Board asks unanimous consent to change hearing rooms on Wednesday at noon from Room 1524 to Room 1525.

HILGERS [00:16:17] Without objection, so ordered.

ASSISTANT CLERK [00:16:21] An announcement that the Education Committee will hold an Executive Session this afternoon in Room 1107. A series of name adds: Senator Slama to LB88, Senator Blood to LB407, Senator Hunt to LB407, Senator

Blood to LB463 and to LB660. Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion, Senator Albrecht would move to adjourn until Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

HILGERS [00:16:47] Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. We are adjourned.