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Floor Debate January 24, 2023

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**ARCH:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fourteenth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Father Evan Winter from St. John the Baptist Church, Minden, Nebraska, Senator Halloran's district. Please rise.

**FATHER WINTER:** Psalm 85. Oh, Lord, you once favored your land and revived the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins. You averted all your rage. You calmed the heat of your anger. Revive us now, God our helper. Put an end to your grievance against us. Will you be angry with us forever? Will your anger never cease? Will you not restore again our life that your people may rejoice in you? Let us see, oh, Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. I will hear what the Lord God has to say. A voice that speaks of peace. Peace for His people and his friends and those who turn to him in their hearts. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. Mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice looked down from heaven. The Lord will make us prosper. And our Lord and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. Almighty God, today this Legislature is going to ponder some big decisions and maybe even make some big decisions. And we know that these could affect millions in Nebraska and beyond. People who in the end belong to you, not to any of us. You see everything we can see and many things that we don't. The needs, wants, joys, sorrows, virtues and follies of the people this Legislature serves. Help them make good decisions today and should human weakness fail, help us all live with ourselves. Amen.

**ARCH:** I recognize Senator Erdman for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ERDMAN:** 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.

**ARCH:** Thank you. I call to order the fourteenth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

**CLERK:** There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

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**CLERK:** There is one, Mr. President. On page 366, line 31, replace LB32 with LB321. That's all I have for corrections.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Moser would like to recognize our doctor for the day, Dr. Dan Rosenquist of Columbus, who's under the balcony. Please welcome Dr. Rosenquist. Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

**CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. Motion to withdraw from Senator Wayne, withdraw LB790 to be printed in the Journal. Additional motions to be printed. Senator Wayne to rereference LB626, LR18CA and LR19CA, as well as Senator Hunt to rereference LR18CA and LR19CA.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Excuse me, Mr. President. Additionally, notice of committee hearings from the Natural Resources Committee, Transportation Committee, Health and Human Services Committee, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. A report from the Executive Board, excuse me, the Referencing Committee rereferencing LB471 and a Exec Board committee report from the, or excuse me, confirming the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee members. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Motion on the, motion on the floor.

**CLERK:** Notice of committee hearing. Excuse me, Mr. President. Additional notice of committee hearing from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. Additionally name adds: Senator Hunt to LB22; Senator Ibach and Senator DeKay to LB91; Senator Hardin to LB106, LB107 and LB323; Senator Wayne to LB577; Senator Hunt to LB588, as well as Senator McDonnell to LB588; Senator Lowe and Halloran to LB712; Senator Raybould to LB740; Senator John Cavanaugh to LR4CA and Senator DeKay to LR31. Finally, Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Blood would move to adjourn the body until Wednesday, January 25, at 9:30 a.m..

**ARCH:** All those in favor say aye. Opposed, same sign. Motion passes. We are adjourned.