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**KELLY:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the eighteenth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain today is Father Ryan Lewis, St. Elizabeth Ann Church, Omaha, Nebraska, a guest of Senator Armendariz.

**RYAN LEWIS:** Loving and merciful God, this esteemed legislative body convenes this morning on this beautiful, crisp Nebraska day, which is itself your gift. We convene for the important work of governance of this, our great state. Please bless our state, which we love, assist in its growth and prosperity, in its resolve to reach out to the poor, the marginalized, the suffering. May the efforts of this Legislature lead not only to right order, but also to strengthen our state and its citizens and their desire for collective compassion, unified humility and gratitude for blessings received. And in our desire to be a state that is welcoming, girded with strong morals and dedicated to the dignity and worth of every human life because life ab initio is made in your image and likeness. Bless these citizen legislators. May they legislate and give counsel, aided always by your prudence, your wisdom, your compassion, your justice, your mercy, your love. May they serve well those whom they represent and the state as a whole. Bless their families. Help them this day and throughout their public service to work always for the common good, your common good. May everything we do begin with your inspiration. Continue through your divine assistance and reach perfection for your greater honor and glory. May it be so. Amen.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Father Lewis. I recognize Senator Holdcroft for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**HOLDCROFT:** 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.

**KELLY:** Thank you. I call to order the eighteenth 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.

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

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**CLERK:** I have no corrections this morning.

**KELLY:** Thank you. Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

**CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. Your Committee on Government, Military and Veteran Affairs, chaired by Senator Brewer, reports LB52 and LB250 to General File, LB250 having committee amendments. Additionally, notice of committee hearing from the Transportation Committee. New Resolution from Senator Kauth. That'll be laid over. A series of name adds: Senator Hunt to LB5, LB8, LB9, LB10, LB11, LB12, LB13; Senator Murman to LB16; Senator Hunt to LB18, LB19, and LB42; Senator Aguilar to LB108; Senator Blood to LB431; and Senator Hunt to LB631. Amendment to be printed: Senator Brandt to LB180. Finally, Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Albrecht would move to adjourn the body until Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**KELLY:** Senators, Senator Dorn has a guest under the north balcony. It is Ms. Gracie Lee from Minden High School, Minden, Nebraska. Please welcome Ms. Lee. Senators, you've heard the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. The motion carries. The Legislature is adjourned for the day.