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Floor Debate February 2, 2023

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KELLY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-first day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain today from Senator DeKay's district is Pastor Peter Sample, Calvary Bible Church, Neligh, Nebraska. Please stand.

PASTOR SAMPLE: Let us pray. Eternal Father, who was, who is, who will be forever-- forevermore. In a changing world, we're comforted by the fact that you alone do not change. Forgive us for how often we wake up and look at the world with anxiety and fear. We allow policies and events to change the way we view the world and each other instead of having confidence in you and resting in your unchanging character. Forgive us for allowing the times we are in to cause us to forget what it means to love our neighbor, for creating divisions based on things that will not last. Lord, you sent your son to Earth, showing us love when we were sinners. May we remember that truth in our interactions with each other. Gracious Creator, this body needs your wisdom today as they consider challenging issues. And I ask that you would give them wisdom to understand each other, to understand their constituents, and bring unity as we all pursue what is right for Nebraska. And we pray this in the name of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

KELLY: Thank you, Pastor Sample. I recognize Senator Jacobson for the Pledge of Allegiance.

JACOBSON: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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, Senator. I call to order the twenty-first 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?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning.

KELLY: Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

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CLERK: There are, Mr. President. Committee report. Your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance chaired by Senator Slama reports LB3, LB93, LB278, LB536 and LB628 to General File, LB628 having committee amendments. Your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, chaired by Senator Brewer, reports LB51 and LB252 to General File, LB252 having committee amendments. Report from the General Affairs Committee concerning gubernatorial appointments to the Nebraska Arts Council, the State Racing Gaming Commission, the State Electrical Board, and the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling. Notice of committee hearings from the Judiciary and Business and Labor Committee. Additionally, amendments to be printed: Senator Hunt to LB371. LB606, LB89, LB 374. Other amendments to be printed: Senator Linehan to LB589, LB641, LB750, LB753, LB754, LB783, LB804, LB806 and LB-- and another floor amendment, FA16 from Senator Linehan, "Strike Section 1" of LB820, Select File Amendment. Name adds: Senator Lippincott to LB71; Senator Slama to LB565; Senator Lippincott to LB606; and Senator Hunt to LB385 [SIC withdraw] Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Hunt would move to adjourn the body until Friday, February 3 at 9:00 a.m.

KELLY: Senators, you've heard the question, which is shall the Legislature adjourn for the day? All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. The motion is successful. We are adjourned.