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CHAPLAIN: (Prayer given.)

PRESIDENT: Roll Call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fellman asked to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections?

CLERK: Mr. Warner asked to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Hearing none, so ordered. Asking you to indicate your presence please. Have you all indicated your presence? Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point Senator.

SENATOR PROUD: I believe this item is important enough to speak on a point of personal privilege, and I realize that we discussed this yesterday morning but I heard over the radio last night that another trucker I believe was killed, a number of people are worried about the availability of food in the grocery stores because it is not being transported. Now we passed a resolution yesterday but we all know what is done with these resolutions. It is my, and I just bring this up for discussion that this Legislature of course is now in session and it is quite apparent from the latest news development that the federal government is doing virtually nothing. As I understand it, the commissioner in Washington has frozen the price of fuel oil or diesel oil, this the truckers say, is an absolute insult to them and I think that it probably is because it doesn't solve their problems at all. These trucks are being tied up across the nation, the citizens of our state can not drive his truck on the streets and Nebraska highways, on Nebraska highways without fear of losing his life and what have we done. We have passed a resolution that undoubtedly will end up in some bureaucrats wastebasket in Washington, D.C. Therefore, I am suggesting and to open this up for discussion and if you don't believe that it is worthy of discussing, then you can let me know and certainly I will abide by the wishes of this body but I and in fact I move that the Executive Board appoint a committee of 1-3 senators of our body to personally call upon the President of the United States and tell him what is going on out here.

PRESIDENT: Very good, is there further discussion of Senator Proud's motion? Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I rise to first amend the Speaker for his viewpoint and accepting the responsibility to come through with something physically rather than by sending a communication, which means nothing. I would only like to amend his motion to say to leave to the discretion of the Executive Board combined judgments as to the number they might decide, if they do, to carry on this motion. So I would vote to strike the 1-3 and leave that to the discretion of the committee.

PRESIDENT: Is that alright with you? Alright now the motion does read that we, the Executive Board appoint a committee to call upon the President of the United States regarding this particular situation and that it be left up to the Executive Board, obviously now