

May 23, 1979

CHAPLAIN PALMER: The family wishes the members of the Legislature to know that a memorial service for Bill Hasebroock will be held at the Grace Lutheran Church in West Point at eleven o'clock this Saturday morning, the 26th of May. There will be a reserved section in the church toward the front for the members of the Legislature who are planning to attend. From the many here who have known Bill Hasebroock so well whether a longer or shorter period of time and have therefore loved him for all those qualities in his life that through his gracious and generous spirit, blessed this place, we are grateful. I am grateful for what Senator Marvel said and that in so many ways encompasses and summarizes much that Bill Hasebroock was and is to this body. He was in a very real sense, through his variety of talents and services, a man for all seasons and it is for us this morning not to forget that there is a vacant chair in this Legislature and to remember that there is a vacant place in the hearts and minds of so many here and throughout the State of Nebraska. We cannot do more this morning than commend Bill to God's care and with him, his family and their dear ones as well and to give thanks for all that he has done in this room and throughout this building and this state. He had the capacity to take the opportunity of the moment and not only to be decisive and forthright as a man of integrity but to be loving and kind and caring in the way that he expressed his views. Of such a one the writer of Ecclesiastes said, "Let us now honor famous men and those who have gone before us for the Lord hath brought glory to the people by them. Through His power those who held their offices of responsibility, those who were known for their abilities who gave counsel by their understanding and who prepared for the future, men who are leaders of the people by virtue of their abilities, by their knowledge and understanding, these shall be honored in their generation and in the generations to come for these were the glory of their times." And then going on and remembering what others have written. James Russell Lowell said, "We cannot think of such a one as Him has wholly gone but the better part of Him is with us still. The soul, its hampering clay aside has thrown and only fear wrestles with the ills. Thou livest in the life of all good things. What words thou spakest for truth shall never die." We stand here as members of this Legislature, officers, servants and Senators with yet another day to spare. Bill Hasebroock gave not only his days but his life and his energies and now he has one more day ahead of him. The Lord said, "A day in man's sight is but as a breath and a thousand years are but as a day in my sight." And so now Bill Hasebroock is