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SPEAKER MARVEL PRESILING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The opening prayer this morning will be given by the Associate Minister of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska, Daniel R. Gengler. Reverend Gengler.

REVEREND GENGLER: Prayer offered.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Roll call. The Education Committee will be out for a little while. Have you all recorded your presence, those of you who are here? Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Item #3, do you have some....

I would like to encourage the attention of the Legislature for a few minutes. May I have your attention. May I have the attention of the Legislature, please. I have got a statement I want to read to you, and I want to say this to begin with. Senator Warner nominated me as Speaker in a very eloquent speech to the point he indicated that one of the attributes of anybody who holds the position in here of Speaker is one of respecting the institution. What I have to say this morning will be said somewhat in anger. The anger will be because the institution is not being protected. The institution is being ignored and not in anger to you individually, and if it appears as time goes on this morning that my anger comes to you, then take another look and remember what Senator Warner had to say. I am not going to try to impress you with the number of hours that goes into the job of Speaker. You know that as well or almost as well as I do. Nobody is objecting to this, but when it comes to leadership, you either get leadership from the Speaker or you get nothing. That is the key to what I have to say this morning, and when we are through you can be angry at me if you like but don't be angry at the institution. We accepted a vow when we came up here and among things that we would do is to respect the constituency and the welfare of the State of Nebraska. It is in that particular mold that I speak to you at this time. In order to be sure that I hit all the points I am going to read this statement. It is extremely important that we adopt permanent rules. For us to proceed until the seventh day with only three days remaining for bill introduction with only temporary rules invites chaos and we are in the midst of chaos at the moment and don't think for a moment that this isn't