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PRESIDENT LUEDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: ....(Mike not on.)...this morning by Reverend Robert L. Bromley, Minister of Bethany Christian Church, here in Lincoln.

REVEREND BROMLEY: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. While we are waiting for a couple more people to show their presence, I am going to recognize Senator DeCamp for a point of personal privilege even before we get officially into session. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, on a point of personal privilege since we are just kind of waiting here and not moving too fast, every year of course when we go out and campaign we all talk about, people talk about the number of bills and how so many bills are introduced and we always spend two or three days fighting over whether there should be bill limitations, I see my good friend Chris getting up already, bill limitations and the evils of so many bills in Nebraska and that the end of the world would come if we took off bill limitations. Well a study was just completed by the National Property and Casualty Insurance Company of the fifty states and it shows of the fifty states, and I will be passing this out so you can read it yourself so I won't take a lot of time, of the fifty states Nebraska rated number fifty, in other words, the very lowest in the number of bill introductions in the United States without any limits or anything else. So maybe there is much ado about nothing and maybe we are a lot cleaner and better than we sometimes would like to believe.

PRESIDENT: Thank you for the good news, Senator. Oh, Senator Beutler has to have his retort and then we are going to get started.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, while we are just moving along here and nothing sort of happening and I thought I would just respond a little bit to Senator DeCamp's comment by pointing out that there are about forty-nine of us whereas in most states there are someplace between two hundred and three hundred senators and if he would divide that out on a bills per senator basis, I would be interested in his result.

PRESIDENT: Okay, that will do that. Record the presence, Mr. Clerk. I think we've got enough to start.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.