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CHAPLAIN: Prayer read.

SPEAKER: Roll call.

CLERK: Excuse me Mr. President, just a minute here, there we go. Mr. President, Senator Nore asked to be excused today.

SPEAKER: Are there objections? Hearing none, so ordered. We are asking you to indicate your presence, would you please register in, and the Chair would inquire have you all indicated your presence, if so the Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

SPEAKER: Thank you. The Chair at this time would like to recognize Senator Richard Fellman. Senator Fellman.

SENATOR FELLMAN: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I rise on a point of privilege asking for this legislature to observe a moment of silence in memory of Ted Metcalf who died Saturday evening at the age of 77 in Omaha. Mr. Metcalf's funeral is Tuesday morning in Omaha, at the Crosby Kunold Mortuary at 120th and Center, he will be buried at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, and the family asks that memorials go to his favorite charity. I think it would be altogether appropriate for us to observe a moment of silence, since the late Mr. Metcalf was a Lt. Governor of the state of Nebraska, from 1930 until 1933, and then went on to serve for 19 years in the Omaha Public Power District Board, and among his accomplishments were activities in many organizations including the American Legion, and the founding of the great Navy of Nebraska, to which I'm sure we have not only been members but have participated. It seems to me because of Mr. Metcalf's service in this body it would be appropriate for us at this time to honor his memory with a moment of silence, therefore Mr. President, I would request that from the Chair.

SPEAKER: The Chair would honor that request, and I think that it would only be appropriate that we stand for a moment of silence. The Chair likewise would like to recognize Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise Senator?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the legislature, a point of personal privilege.

SPEAKER: State your point Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I wish that the Speaker of the Legislature were here, I have to take issue with some statements that he has made publicly and repeatedly about his inability to obtain a fair hearing before my committee. I am the Chairman of the Government Committee. Not only do his words disparage me, but they disparage the committee members. The reason I'm particularly upset about what Senator Proud has done repeatedly, and if he is sitting in his office, he can hear this over the loud speaker, so I'm not speaking behind his back. He is here and that will give him an opportunity to reply should he choose to do so, to my face instead of to the reporters that he has done so frequently. He had stated on the floor that he wanted to take the ERA hearing from my committee because he couldn't get a fair hearing because of me. There is at least one reporter here who heard Senator Proud and I discuss that issue that same day, and according to an article, and this is what Senator Proud said, he conceded Chambers' plan for the hearing sounded fair in fact Proud said that's great, that would be wonderful, when Chambers said he intended to have the committee conduct in public the usually private executive session when the fate of the legislation is decided. Now Senator Proud as everybody knows is a lawyer, he has a very methodical and systematic mind, so