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CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll Call.

CLERK: Senator Nore asked to be excused today, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections. Hearing none, so ordered. Have you all indicated your presence? Please punch in. The clerk will record.

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: Corrections read. That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections from the floor? If not, the Journal will stand as corrected. The chair recognizes Speaker Proud. For what purpose do you rise, Mr. Speaker?

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. Chairman, I would like unanimous consent to be excused this afternoon.

PRESIDENT: Speaker Proud asking unanimous consent to be excused this afternoon. Are there objections? Hearing none, so ordered.

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

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR PROUD: I am sure that a number of people are thinking that I'm taking a powder this afternoon because LB 286 is up which is the abortion bill and I will be labeled a coward. I do want to be here for that. I am hopeful there is no final decision will be made this afternoon but three months ago I made a commitment in Omaha and I am going to keep that commitment. I would say to the body without discussing the bill, this isn't the point of personal privilege, of course, that I did receive word, and it's unverified, absolutely unverified, but word that the Federal Court in Rhode Island has held the Rhode Island law constitutional, so I only want to say that I hope that we will proceed slowly with our deliberations because there is so much public confusion and so much confusion on the floor regard to this. Lastly, the School Improvement Association has asked permission to have passed out some booklets here and I gave them that permission. I do not take a position one way or another on it. It's just simply material that I've asked to approve for distribution. I have approved it and I will immediately have the Pages hand it out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I wanted to ask a question of Senator Proud.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Proud, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes.

SENATOR DUIS: Senator Proud, you said the Nebraska School Improvement Association are being involved in the abortion bill?

SENATOR PROUD: I have not read this publication, but it is being distributed at the request of the Nebraska School Improvement Association, 1620 M Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

SENATOR DUIS: Oh, this would be Zeke Brauer. It would make