

PRESIDENT: All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please come to order. Roll call, record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch asked to be excused till he arrives. Senator Barnett asked to be excused till he arrives. Senator Newell asked to be excused till he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Have you all recorded your presence? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Corrections to the Journal.

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections to the Journal from the floor? Seeing none, it shall stand. Committee reports, announcements.

CLERK: Mr. President, an Attorney General's opinion, addressed to Senator John DeCamp, will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. Mr. President, in accordance with LB 691, Eighty-Fourth Legislature, Second Session, there is a requirement that a report be given to the Legislature no later than February 1, 1977 dealing with merit increases. Section 38 provides that said report shall detail, by classification, the number of employees in each classification, the number of employees given merit increases, the average size of merit increase and the total amount spent by classification for merit increases. We have received some of these reports and have filed the same with Senator Jerome Warner, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, where they will be maintained. Mr. President, there are two rule changes offered by Senator DeCamp which should properly be referred to the Rules Committee. Mr. President, your Committee Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 23 and recommend it be replaced on Select File as amended. LB 49 replaced on Select File as amended. LB 72 replaced on Select File as amended. Signed, Senator Cullan, Chairman. Mr. President, your Committee Government gives notice of a series of committee hearings. Signed, Senator Rasmussen, Chairman. Urban Affairs gives notice of committee hearing. Signed, Senator George, Chairman. That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Introduction of bills.

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We have, in the North balcony, 30 students from the Monroe Public High School. That is from Senator Dworak's district. We appreciate you students and you instructors being here. Thank you very much. We go to Final Reading. The rules provide that all Senators shall be at their desks. All nonsenatorial personnel shall be off of the floor. Please return to your desks so that we can commence Final Reading. Would all senators please return to their desks. Commence Final Reading, Mr. Clerk.