

March 23, 1977

PRESIDENT WHELAN: The Legislature will please rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will be in order. Record your presence. Roll call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit asked to be excused until he arrives. The Miscellaneous Subjects asked to be excused until they arrive. Senator Simon asked to be excused until he arrives. Senator DeCamp asked to be excused until he arrives.

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

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Corrections to the Journal.

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a correction on the Speaker's agenda, item #9, Fitzgerald's motion is to raise 337, not 237. Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 294 and recommend it be replaced on Select File as amended; 365 replaced on Select File as amended. That is all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Introduction of bills.

CLERK: None.

PRESIDENT: Final Reading. All Senators are to be in their desks at Final Reading.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a request to bracket LB 22 to March 23rd which is today, Senator. March 24. Unanimous consent by Senator Stoney to lay the bill over until tomorrow.

PRESIDENT: That is LB 22.

CLERK: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none, it is so ordered. The Chair has an announcement regarding the interpretation of a rule. It has been the custom, I think, in this Legislature that when the previous question was asked or shall debate now cease, there has been no debate on it. That is consistent with the rules. However, I have interpreted the rules to mean that a member can debate the question before the House and then at the conclusion of that debate may call for the previous question. There has been some complaint about this although I can't find anything in the rules that prohibit it. I don't think it is very good form and most of you that have talked to me about it really don't like it. So it will be hereafter