

May 17, 1977

(Speaker Luedtke presiding)

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Morning prayer. All rise for the prayer. Senator Marsh will give us the morning prayer.

SENATOR MARSH: Prayer.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Roll call.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz asked to be excused till she arrives. Senator Kremer asked to be excused at 9:30 for the remainder of the morning.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Let's clear the board and start over because it's fouled up, the board is fouled up. Okay, start over. Everybody...roll call again. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Quorum present. I'll explain to the Legislature that the agendas won't be here for about another fifteen minutes. They are still being printed. However, there is not much on it this morning except Final Reading. You know what that is because it's up on the board. LB 38, 38A, 39, 40, 41 and two other bills. I want to also explain that the position of the Chair is going to be, with regard to Final Reading today, as we have done when we've had such voluminous bills in the past we're going to strictly follow the rule that the Chair can excuse anyone at anytime. We need 25, we need a quorum present on the floor at all times. We will monitor that. As far as lunch break is concerned, as far as taking any kind of a recess, we'll probably just read right straight through it. So just excuse yourself and get something to eat. We will just try to keep 25 on our floor at all times. That is the way to expedite the business and get this constitutional requirement of Final Reading out of the way as pleasantly as possible. Is there anything.... Senator Reutzel.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. Chairman, we've got an Administrative Rules and Regulations meeting at 8:30. I don't know how many members are here. I don't know what that will do for a quorum.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I had my light on there because I wanted to announce the fact that the Administrative Rules and Regulations are having a meeting at 8:30 in 2102, I believe it is, Legislative Council hearing room. We made this announcement some time ago. We sent out letters to the members of the Committee. Therefore, I ask that the members of the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee be excused at 8:30.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: How many is that, Senator? Senator Duis, is that eight?

SENATOR DUIS: There would be eight, but I don't know, they may not all be here yet. But I'm sure they will be here because we generally have good attendance.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: That is agreeable as long as we have a completed quorum. Senator Duis, make sure that your committee doesn't leave until we at least maintain a quorum here on the floor, if you would.