

EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

FIRST DAY

January 4, 1978

PRESIDENT: All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Dr. Palmer. The Legislature will please be in order. The first order of business is the presentation of Colors. This is by the Nebraska National Guard, but first the Clerk will read some material to you regarding this special ceremony.

CLERK: The National Guard of the United States has been an integral part of this country's defense mechanism since 1636 when the Massachusetts Bay Colonies formed the Old North Regiment from their home defense units. As the settlement of this country moved Westward, so did the National Guard. On December 23, 1854, acting Territorial Governor Cumming issued a proclamation urging the citizens of the Nebraska Territory to organize militia companies for a total of two regiments, one to be at the North, and the other South of the Platte River. This was done to provide some major protection for settlers against Indian attacks. In 1861 the call came for service in the Civil War and ten militia companies were gathered to form the First Regiment of Nebraska Volunteers. Serving first as Infantrymen, the first Nebraskan was subsequently mounted on horseback and renamed the First Nebraska Cavalry. Upon its return to Nebraska, in 1864, after having served notably in such places as Shiloh with General Grant's Army, the name was again changed to fit their status. The First Nebraska Cavalry Veterans Volunteers. Their role was changed to meet the needs of the Territory, that of helping protect the Oregon Trail. So it began, the birth of our Nebraska National Guard. Today, several members of our present day National Guard have seen fit to recreate those days of our early history. A ceremonial unit of the Nebraska National Guard has been created, namely Company G, First Regiment, Nebraska Veteran Volunteer Cavalry. The present day mission of Company G is to represent the beginning of the Nebraska National Guard heritage to the people of Nebraska. This is being accomplished in the form of authentic, historical presentation at various civil functions, parades and ceremonies. Through these presentations Company G hopes to augment the states recruiting efforts by introducing the Nebraska National Guard to prospective recruits as well as fostering good public relations with citizens of Nebraska. Now we will have the posting of the Colors by members of Company G, First Regiment, Nebraska Veterans Voluntary Cavalry, Nebraska National Guard. Commander of the Troops, post Colors.

COLORS PRESENTED

PRESIDENT: I'm sure I speak for all members of the Legislature and everybody here. That was a very impressive ceremony. We want to thank the Nebraska National Guard for their effort. Roll call. Please record your presence. Have you all recorded your presence? Have you all recorded your presence? Senator Labeledz. Senator Frank Lewis. Senator Keyes. Record.

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