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PRESIDENT: All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come to order. Roll call. Record your presence. Please record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Frank Lewis would like to be excused till he arrives, Senator Kremer until he arrives, Senator Venditte until he arrives, Senator Merz all morning, Senators Simon and Reutzel until they arrive, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Have you all recorded your presence? Record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, in response to the communication you placed on my desk on Friday I would like to tell you that perhaps you would like to go listen to the transcript, which I did this morning. I find that my words did say what I expected them to say, and not what you said I said.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. We have some distinguished guests with us this morning. We have Betty Majors the National President of the WIFE organization. Miss Majors is from Osceola. We also have Joan Marek, the National Corresponding Secretary from Stromsburg. They are together with some people active in the WIFE organization here in Nebraska. That is Janice Spurling of Shickley, Jean O'Connor of Grafton, Susan Frazier of Fairmont, Frances Heinrichs of Shickley, and Lileen O'Connor of Fairmont. They are under the North balcony. Would you members of WIFE please stand and be recognized. Now I recognize Senator Richard Maresh for a point of privilege of the House.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, you have found a nice loaf of bread on your desk this morning. This is courtesy of the WIFE group from my area, from Fillmore County. They would like to have you enjoy this good homemade bread. It's driving home a point. One bushel of wheat makes 60 loaves, while if the farmer goes back to the market and buys bread he can buy only six loaves of bread with the same amount of wheat. Women have been too long in the shadows, in the background as far as the farmers being heard. I feel, with the WIFE movement, they are finally being recognized. We have these ladies coming to our committee hearings and being heard on the issues involving farming. I think this is great. I think we should recognize the WIFE movement in the State of Nebraska. We have national offices here in the state, which is great for the State of Nebraska to be recognized as leaders in this movement. I think we should all, all the fellow Senators should, when you have time, go talk to these ladies. They are underneath the North balcony. They would like to visit with you folks and meet their representatives here in the State of Nebraska that are doing a great job to look out for the interests of agriculture, I'm sure. Thank you.

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