

PRESIDENT: All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come to order. Record your presence. Roll Call, record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Moylan would like to be excused for the day. Senator Marsh, Simon, Frank Lewis and Reutzel would like to be excused until they arrive. Senator Newell would like to be excused until he arrives. Mr. President, Senator Schmit and Senator Burrows would like to be excused until they arrive.

PRESIDENT: Have all of you recorded your presence?

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have none, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: I have none, Mr. President. Mr. President, Senator Richard Lewis would like to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: We go to Item #6, Resolutions.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 22 is offered by Senator Jo Ann Maxey and Senator George Burrows. Read LR 22. Mr. President, that Resolution may be found on page 127 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maxey.

SENATOR MAXEY: Mr. President, fellow Senators, I would like to thank whoever was so thoughtful to help me win a point this morning about, don't forget about me and the doggie bone here. I really appreciate the thought, but the problem is the consumers are still at the tail end of this proposition. Two years ago the consumers group fought down this type of issue to have bones put in hot dogs. Now, under the rules the meat bone mixture can constitute up to 20% of the meat portion of a certain product such as salami and hot dogs. The government rules said that as little as 17 parts of that 20% can be meat, but only 3 points can be bone. I'm not objecting to the small parts and pieces of bone that is carved off when it is hand carved or machine carved that might get into the meat. I'm objecting that maybe the other 2 parts that might be added to the hot dog such as meal bone. As you know, the rules also prohibit the use of savage meat in baby, junior and toddler food. So, these hot dogs are not even going to be able to be eaten by children. I think that this is certainly a bad move for the consumers. If we want bone in our hot dog we can certainly buy the bones cheaper than we can already ground up in the hot dog. I want you to really seriously consider this, that this is not good for the consumer and hot dogs already have a lot of undesirable stuff inside of it already, so adding the bone meal is not going to help the situation, especially when children can not eat it. I ask you to support this amendment.