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SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Prayer this morning by our Chaplain, Dr. Robert Palmer.

DR. PALMER: Nice to see this intimate gathering here. Shall we pray? Oh, God, what would we ever do without words? What would we ever do without speeches and reports and journals and committees? It seems at times our language is the very breath of life. You've given each one of us so much to say and the means to say it. We have the gift of speech. We can change our minds and change our plans and change our words. Our language is life. It is our way to open our minds, to reveal our wills, to show our feelings, to tell our purpose. Words keep us healthy under the way we make love, invite friends, vote convictions and even pray. Oh, God, live through our language this day; live in our words, our phrases, our cliches, our stories, our jokes, our phrases, our votes and our lips. God, teach us when to stand up, teach us when to speak up, teach us when to shut up. Amen.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Dr. Palmer. Roll call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have one correction. (Read corrections as found on page 59 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Are those all the corrections?

CLERK: That is all we have.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, no, sir, I have no messages, reports, and/or announcements this morning.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I might make an announcement. Today one of our members has a birthday and 25 members of the Legislature