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SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Good morning. We have with us this morning Dr. Robert Palmer of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, our usual chaplain. Dr. Palmer.

DR. PALMER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you for that fine message. Roll call, please. There are carnations there for those that get here first. If you would like a carnation, please come to the Legislative Chamber soon. I was happy to know that Dr. Palmer made it clear that the patron saint of Ireland is usually thought of as an Irishman, but it's good to know that he was a Scotsman, sent to Ireland to chase the snakes out and to convert the people, convert the heathen Irishman. That's what Dr. Palmer...Dr. Palmer, would you like to elaborate further on this? That's far enough? Well, it's good that the Irish don't get all of the credit today. I do want to announce to you that up here beside the Speaker's desk is a bouquet of flowers. It says, Dear Senator Nichol and Nebraska Legislature: Thank you for letting us sing on Statehood Day. Happy St. Patrick's day. Love, Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped. So the bouquet up here is from the School of the Visually Handicapped. You will note that there are carnations on my desk. Those who get here may help themselves until they are all gone. (Machine malfunction) ...machine over the weekend, and that fine Irishman, O'Donnell, is screwing up the work this morning. Senator Haberman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HABERMAN: For a point of personal order.

SPEAKER NICHOL: State your point.

SENATOR HABERMAN: My point of personal order, Mr. Speaker, is what nationality was St. Patrick, please?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Well, according to the minister this morning St. Patrick was a Scotsman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir. You've made your point. Senator "O'Lynch".