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FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

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SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Would you please rise while we have prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Robert Palmer.

DR. PALMER: Well, here we are again. I'm sure we're all aware that in the last days many of us lost a great personal friend, and this Legislature lost a grand Senator and state leader. And all the people of Nebraska will be poorer for Dick Marvel's passing. No one that I know except Sam Klavar served this Legislature over so long and distinguished a period as Dick Marvel and he with his wife and family were an integral part of this Legislature. The particular reason that brings us together again at this special session was one which is closest to Dick's heart, the welfare of the people through the appropriation of funds. And some of us remember how much Dick would agonize when it came to budget crunch time, and we realize the fiscal impact of the decisions we made here and he agonized over the people impact of the money decisions that were made here. I know each of us will express our love and sympathy along with a sense of blessing and friendship to his wife and family. It would be appropriate for us, since we are called together for a special session on the very day when Dick Marvel is to be buried, to pause for a moment and give thanks for his life and his influence and example and the kind of commitment which is so rare over so long a time that Dick always exemplified and serves as a model for all of us to follow. Let us pray. (Moment of silence.) We pause in silence, oh, God, in respect of a dear friend and colleague and leader of the people, your servant in a very real sense, Richard; for the home which brought him into being; for the family whom he loved; the people whom he served and the Legislature through which his leadership was so ably expressed and keenly felt. For these and many other blessings of his personal qualifications and character we do thank you and commend him to your care and commend our concern to his family and pray that in his passing we may realize that the finest monuments anyone can ever erect are not to be found in buildings