

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

SPEAKER NICHOL: (Recorder not activated) ...Norris Legislative Chamber, we have with us this morning Dr. Robert Palmer of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Would you please rise.

DR. PALMER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Dr. Palmer, and we appreciate all of your timely and appropriate messages during the past session, and this, there is an outside chance that this may be our last session this year. So we wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and thanks, again, for your many messages. Roll call.

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have any corrections this morning, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Just one, Mr. President, LR 3 is ready for your signature.

SPEAKER NICHOL: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 3. If I could have your attention a moment, please, we should return to our seats so we can begin Final Reading, please. We are ready to go on Final Reading as soon as you return to your seats. Ladies and gentlemen, please follow the lead of our distinguished President of Executive Board, Cal Carsten, in returning to your seats so that we can start. Thank you. And for those of you who missed it, this is Senator Hefner's birthday and he has goodies over there under the north balcony that will make you fat, so feel free to help yourself. Thank you, Senator Hefner, for the goodies. Please return to your seats so we will begin Final Reading. Senator Lynch, for what purpose do you rise? Certainly not to adjourn sine die.

SENATOR LYNCH: (Mike off) ...arise, I hadn't sat down yet, that is all.