

January 8, 1987

PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Members will please rise for the prayer. This morning our Chaplain is the Reverend Kathy Rahorst of the Hallam Congregational United Church of Christ. Reverend Kathy Rahorst.

REVEREND KATHY RAHORST: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you, in all wisdom, have established our nation and this, our great State of Nebraska, through the faith, devotion, and hard work of our forebears. We praise you for the gracious guidance which you have given to each generation. We come to you this day, creator God, to especially thank you for Governor Kerrey and all of his administration. We know that with your sustenance they have done much to strive for justice, freedom, and goodwill for the people of Nebraska and our wider nation. We appreciate their gifts, time, and energy put forth in these past four years. Bless them as they go forth in new directions. May they be open to your call of new ways to serve. Sovereign God, we now turn to ask for your presence with Governor-elect Orr. She and her administration will need the support of every Nebraskan as they begin their new term of office. We pray for able and unselfish leaders, both among those who toil and among those who employ and direct the labors of others, that each may be brought under the rule of love which is the law of life. Graciously open your arms, oh, God, and enfold each person in our Legislature that they may know of your presence so to faithfully serve the people. In the hush of these moments of prayer, direct your spirit to unite us as one people that we may know the fullness of life. Teach us how to listen to one another, how to rest when we need rest, how to labor when there is work to be done, and how to trust you for every reward. May we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, oh, God. Amen.

PRESIDENT: Thank you for that beautiful invocation on our First Day (sic) of this Legislative Session. Roll call. Members, please record your presence.

CLERK: I do have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: A quorum is present. The Legislature is in session. The Chair recognizes Senator McFarland for a motion.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adopt the rules as now in our possession for today only, January 8, 1987.