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PRESIDENT: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...George Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning Reverend Dan Gross, his wife, Jan, and his daughter, Robin, who are missionaries in Kimball, Nebraska. (laughter) Actually, Reverend Dan Gross is the minister at the Kimball Presbyterian Church where one of his parishioners is Senator Dennis Baack. So, we recognize the huge task before him in years to come, but we're happy to have you with us, Reverend Dan Gross, this morning. Would you please rise for the prayer.

REVEREND GROSS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Reverend Dan Gross, we appreciate your coming and please come and see us again. I urge the members of the Legislature to meet his wife and daughter who will be around for a short time and make them feel welcome while they are here. Thank you again. Roll call.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do we have any corrections to the Journal this morning?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one item. I have received the annual report from the Office of Public Counsel (Ombudsman). That will be on file in my office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Let's move on to legislative resolutions, LR 419.

CLERK: Mr. President, 419, found on page 1706, offered by Senator Dierks and a number of the members. (Read explanation of LR 419.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm very pleased to bring this resolution to you this morning. This