

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: (Microphone not activated.) ...George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. With us as chaplain today we have Pastor Robert Varner from the First Baptist Church, from Falls City, Nebraska, from Senator Vrtiska's district. Pastor.

PASTOR VARNER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Pastor. I now call to order the seventy-sixth day of the Ninety-Third Legislature, First Session. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections this morning, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Do you have items for the record?

CLERK: Just one item. Acknowledgement of a report from the Retirement Systems Committee. That will be on file in the Clerk's Office. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: We'll now proceed to Item 5 on the agenda and legislative resolutions and LR 70...or 96, excuse me, LR 96.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 96, offered by Senators Schimek, Crosby, Beutler, Wesely and Warner. It's found on page 2030 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The Lincoln delegation basically brings this resolution to the floor with the hopes that the talks that have started, out at the American Signature Plant, can continue. And for a little background for you, the employees out there, which are mainly printers, graphic artists and bindery people, have been on strike for, oh, I think about a week and a half, almost two weeks now. And the...the issue, as I understand it, is not wages and benefits so much as it is the fact that some of their...some of their vacation time and other kinds of