

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain for the day is Pastor Arthur Swarthout and his wife, Betty, who is here with him, from the United Methodist Church in Ithaca and Wahoo, Nebraska, in Senator Hudkins' District. Pastor Swarthout.

PASTOR SWARTHOUT: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Pastor. I now call the thirty-fourth legislative day to order. Will senators please record your presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Messages, reports and announcements.

CLERK: Madam President, the bill read on Final Reading Friday, LB 830, was presented to the Governor at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read. Re: LB 830.) Madam President, a series of Attorney General's Opinions, one to Senator Withem, the second to Senator Wesely, the third to Senator Schellpeper. That is all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 892-905 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We turn now to Final Reading and LB 829E. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: First of all, Madam President, members of the body, once again for the same reason on Friday we needed to suspend the rules prior to Final Reading the bill, LB 829 and LB 828, both, have only been on Final Reading for two days, which is...for one day, laid over for only one day, which is adequate for our Constitution. Our rules, I've never really understood why, because whenever this butts...whenever a bill butts up against the two-day rule we rather routinely suspend that two-day rule, so maybe that's not an important part of our rules anymore. But at any rate, with that aside, we do need to