

April 5, 1995

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: (Microphone not activated immediately.)
...George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. This is the fifty-sixth day of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature, First Session, Wednesday, April 5. Our chaplain this morning is Pastor Lew Champ from the Bethany Christian Church. He's the guest of Senator Wesely. Pastor.

PASTOR CHAMP: Harland Johnson informed me that Bill Tallichet, the Sergeant at Arms for the Legislature, passed away last night...this morning about 4:00 a.m. So let's observe a moment of silence and offer our prayers for Bill's family. Let us pray. Oh God, whose love and loyalty for all creation exceeds our love and care for one another, we lift our prayers for the life of our dear friend and colleague, Bill Tallichet. Put your arms of grace around his family, give them strength and consoling love in these difficult, challenging and what may be lonely and anxious times. Bless them with the comfort that you bring to those who mourn and be gracious in receiving Bill into your eternal care and keeping.

We continue our prayers, oh God, and ask that you humbly bless these servants of the common good. Theirs is a challenging task. They serve in often harsh, restless yearning and frequently unsatisfied public, full of those persons who believe that each legislator is his or her own hired servant. Today we denounce and demean politicians and yet demand things of them. We unwisely believe each elected person is to serve our wants or our needs forgetting they were called to a public service in order to serve a common good. We may no longer even be able to understand what is a common good. We ask, oh God, that you would bless these senators with strength, especially as the days grow long, the time grows short and the number of bills to attend to yet increases. We pray you will bless them with the courage, vision and wisdom. Grant them your vision of a better world and a courage and wisdom to achieve that. Give them a better public to serve, one that cherishes its leaders even when it disagrees with them and one that has appreciation for a common good. We ask all of these things, not believing that we have a right to demand of you, but confident that you alone can turn things around, set things right, make them as they ought to be. We ask what we ask for for the betterment of us all. We believe this is your world and we only ask that we can live in agreement with it and with you as its creator. Blessed be your