

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: (Recorder not activated)...George W. Norris Legislative Chamber as we begin the fifty-fifth day of the 94th Legislature, Second Session. Very pleased to have with us this morning Pastor Emeritus John Hodges of Oak Hill Farm in Julian, Nebraska, in Senator Vrtiska's district.

PASTOR HODGES: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you very much, Pastor Hodges. Members, please record your presence.

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

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, on page 1791, in line 35, strike "AM7265" and insert "AM7264." That's the only item I have. (Journal also shows correction on page 1775, line 3, strike "long-term" and insert "long-term". See page 1826 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Just one, Mr. President, hearing notice from Health and Human Services regarding confirmations hearings for next Thursday. That's all that I have. (See pages 1826-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay. Members, we are on Final Reading. The first several bills are for purposes of consideration of amendments. If you recall, our rules are that during that time members are to be in the Chamber or the immediate confines of the Chamber, are free to move from their seats but would expect some decorum as we go through these bills. The first several are on the agenda because we anticipate that there will be...there are motions to return on those and we anticipate that they will be dealt with positively. Mr. Clerk, beginning with LB 256.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hudkins has the first motion.