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PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain for the day is Pastor Thomas Saddler from the 7th Legislative District and Christ Temple Missionary Church here in Lincoln. Pastor Saddler.

PASTOR SADDLER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Pastor Saddler. I now call the seventh legislative day to order. Will senators please record your presence. Please record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Madam President, I move that the rules as now in our possession be adopted for today only, Thursday, January 15, 1998.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion before you is the motion to adopt temporary rules. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I'm preparing...laying the way for further discussions when our Speaker returns and presides and the point is this--according to Rule 2, Section 2, rules can be amended only by a vote of 30 members of the Legislature. I know that the other day there was an indication that since we are in a situation where we have adopted temporary rules, that doesn't apply. But what we must remember is that the rules we adopt today for temporary purposes are the rules in that green book. We are governed by the rules in that green book. That's what's being adopted. And that green book says to amend these rules, these rules in this green book, take 30 votes. And I think the language is clear. And since this year we're going to be very, very careful about what is said and what it means; I want to see if those who talk so much about order and obeying the rules want to obey their own rules. Senator Will is not here, but I'd want to ask who is the vice chair of the Rules Committee if such a