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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our pastor this morning is Pastor Rod Thelander from the First Church of the Nazarene. Pastor.

PASTOR THELANDER: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I call the thirty-second day of the Nebraska Legislature to order. Senators, please check in. Roll call.

PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Please record.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

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

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Messages, reports, and announcements?

CLERK: I have no messages, reports, or announcements at this time, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Then we will turn to General File and LB 1041A.

CLERK: (LB) 1041A, by Senator Matzke. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature. Good morning. This is the A bill on 1041. (LB) 1041 is the foster care adoption bill. This bill conforms state law to the Federal Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. It makes provisions for, in effect, getting kids out of foster care and in position so that they can be adopted. This places a considerable responsibility on the