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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the seventy-seventh day of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain this morning is Pastor Ray Avidona, from the Congregational United Church of Christ in Neligh, and the Park Congregational United Church of Christ, Senator Dierks' District. Pastor.

PASTOR AVIDONA: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you for joining us this morning, Pastor. Call today's business to order. Members, would you please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

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

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Two items, Mr. President. Lobby Report for this week to be inserted in the Legislative Journal, and a series of reports that I have received that will be on file in the Clerk's Office, acknowledged and available for member review. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 1897-1898.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen, I understand you would like to be recognized for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, colleagues. Today, May 6, 1999, has been designated as...and established in 1952 as the National Day of Prayer. National Days of Prayer had their beginning in 1774, when our Continental Congress declared the first Day of Prayer. Not long after that, 55 of our founding fathers gathered in Philadelphia to write the Constitution for our new nation. They had met day after day for